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CHICAGO HORROR

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DANCING PARTY

Industry Council Observed Ladies' Night

AFFAIR IN HUNTINGTON HALL A SUCCESS

Members of Other Councils Present

Ladies' night was observed by Industry council, Royal Arcanum, last night. A grand concert, followed by a dancing party, was given in Huntington hall and the attendance was so large that early

JOHN W. SHARKEY, Assistant Floor Director.

in the evening every seat in the gallery was occupied and many were obliged to stand along the dancing space on the floor.

The affair was complimentary to the members and their lady friends and the presence of so many of the ladies was especially pleasing to the members of the committee on arrangements, showing as it did the great interest they take in the success of the council.

Members of other councils also were present and the deputy of the council, James H. Gannon of North Billerica, with a party of Arcanumites from that town, enjoyed the dancing during the evening.

The concert program contained eight numbers and the different selections were applauded. Shortly after 9 o'clock dancing started. There was no march and about every one of the fancy engagements played by Kittredge's singing orchestra was applauded.

The affair was just as successful as any conducted by Industry council.

General manager, Thomas J. Mulligan; assistant, Frank T. McQuade; floor director, John J. Cox; assistant, John W. Sharkey; chief aids, Thomas M. Welch, Charles J. Defoe, Jr., Chas. D. Rodger, Walter E. Flaherty.

Aids, Dr. Thomas F. Carroll, Thomas J. O'Donnell, Dr. Edward M. Murphy, Harry W. Durrough, Alcide J. Parent, John J. Sullivan, William F. Regan, Alex. E. Rountree, F. A. M. Tobin, Thomas F. McKay, Edmond P. Fontaine, Harry L. Timmons, Thomas J. Mullarkey, Joseph A. Pucell, Joseph S. Herrick, Wm. H. Looney, Adolphe Lamontagne, George J. Campbell, John R. Rodger, John J. Cannon, John F. Gleason, James Gill, John W. Blanchard, John J. Winn, James A. Howard, Joseph T. Tuttle, George F. Moore, Edward C. Cassily, John P. Ward, John H. Walker, Frank Sargent, John J. Henry, John M. Coughlin.

Reception committee, Joseph H. Gormley, chairman; John J. Hogan, grand warden; Denis O'Brien, P. R.; Dr. Hugh Walker, P. R.; George F. Maguire, P. R.; John J. Chin, P. R.; Frank Fox, Charles H. O'Donnell, T. P. Boulger, Jeremiah O'Neil, Charles E. McCarthy, James J. McMannon, James E. Shea, George F. Wilkins, Patrick O'Brien, Patrick Shalvey, Hon. Peter J. Brady, John P. Breen, Robert Busby, Frank J. Carolin, John P. McAloon, Thomas Conway, Patrick W. Cox, Joseph H. Donnelly, Thomas S. Belanger, Fred J. Conlon, Anselme Lamoureaux, Hamlet S. Greenwood, Michael Kevill, Martin Calnan, Charles C. Laflamme, John P. Conway, James F. McGarvey, T. Moss, John Nestor, John Ready, Robert B. Riley, William H. Stafford, John D. Smith, Hon. John T. Sparks, John Pyne.

ACQUITTED OF MURDER.

LEBANON, Pa., Dec. 31.—Constable John L. Fisher was today acquitted of the charge of murdering City Solicitor J. Marshall Funck after a trial lasting nearly two weeks.

THE WEATHER

Local forecast: Occasional snow tonight. Friday fair, probably followed by snow; light to fresh westerly winds.

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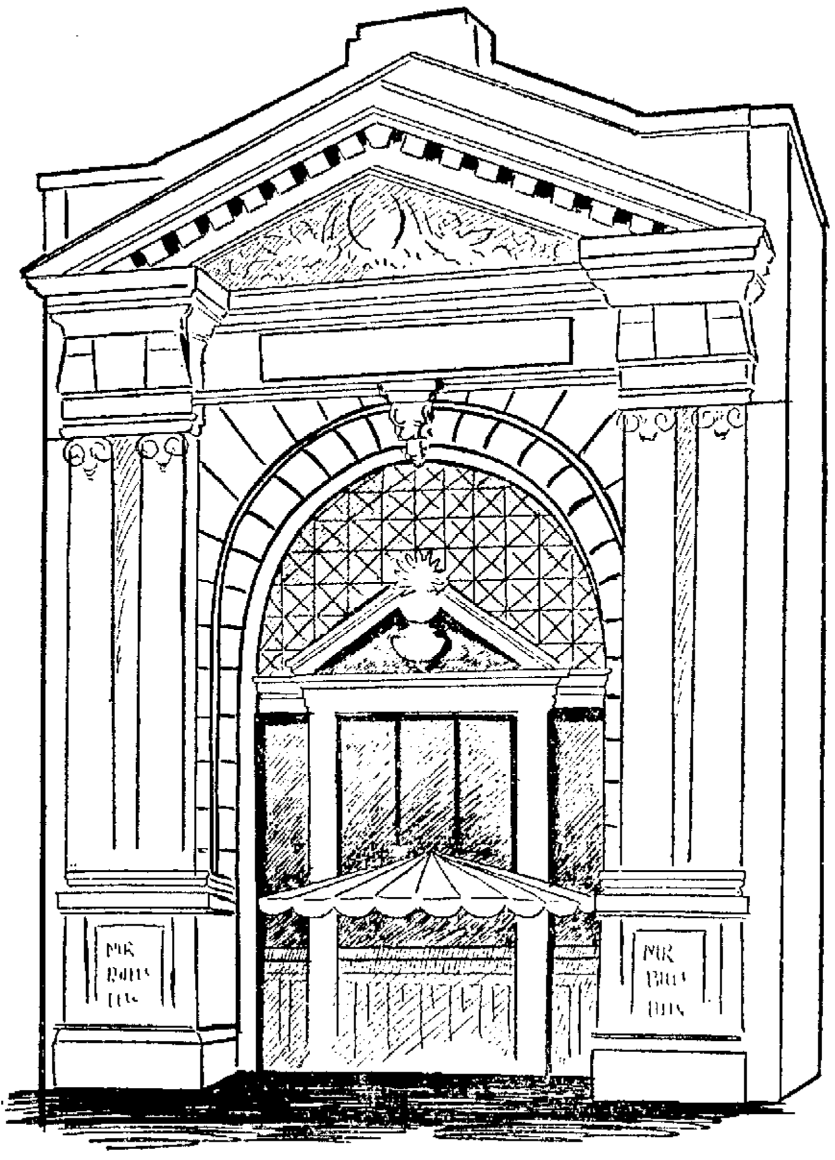

THE IROQUOIS THEATRE.

Fire Started From Crossed Electric Wires Caused Panic—A Gas Explosion Soon Followed Sending Out Volumes of Smoke That Suffocated Shrieking Hundreds—Heroic Efforts of Actors and Base Ball Players to Rescue the Dying—Heartrending Scenes Around the Theatre When Truth Was Realized—The Catastrophe Unparalleled in the Rapidity With Which it Brought Death to Hundreds

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Today brought only the legacy of yesterday's monumental calamity and the prediction that the list of fatalities in the Iroquois fire will run over 600 when information is complete.

The latest statement of dead at the various morgues is 564 and it is stated at the various hospitals and hotels to which the injured were removed that of the 157 people who were injured probably one-third cannot live. The missing today were estimated at 311 but it is expected that many of these would be accounted for, probably a large majority of them.

A CHAMBER OF HORROR.

It is no extravagance of language to say that the city is stunned by the overwhelming tragedy which was enacted when the theatre which housed "Mr. Bluebeard" became a chamber of horror. There is the deepest woe in hundreds of homes today, sorrow in a thousand others and a pity beyond the potency of words to convey in all.

The first streak of daylight found the morgues still the sorrow haunted centre of many a searcher. There were hundreds searching for their wives, wives searching for husbands, frenzied parents seeking their children, so many of whom lost their lives and in some instances wild eyed children, still dazed from the horror of their experience, grouped about in search of father or mother.

Possibly nothing could better typify the depths of sympathy which is felt for those who suffered directly by the calamity than the action of the striking livery drivers. By a vote which was without a dissenting voice it was decided to establish a truce of 10 days.

President Albert Young of the union, following the meeting issued the following decree which was distributed broadcast:

"Owing to the great disaster to the public caused by the fire at the Iroquois theatre, I do hereby declare a truce to the present strike of undertakers and livery drivers for 10 days, and do further require that every man now on strike report at once to their respective places of employment and do everything in his power to assist his

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EXPLOSION IN FACTORY

CHICAGO, DEC. 31.—AN EXPLOSION OCCURRED TODAY ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF THE UNITED STATES FEATHER CO.'S FACTORY. TWENTY OR THIRTY MEN WERE AT WORK ON THE FLOOR AT THE TIME AND OF THESE AT LEAST ONE, DANIEL PHELAN, WHO JUMPED INTO AN ALLEY THROUGH A WINDOW, WAS KILLED. OTHERS OF THE WORKMEN WERE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN BURNED, THE NUMBER BEING UNCERTAIN. THE BUILDING WAS SOON A MASS OF FLAMES.

SHELL EXPLODED

Secret Service Men are Investigating

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Secret service agents are investigating a mysterious explosion which occurred in the Midvale steel works in Nicetown recently, news of which has just become public, according to a Herald dispatch from Philadelphia. How the charge got into the shell is a mystery. By some persons it is believed to have been the work of conspirators who had in view the destruction of a battleship.

The steel works recently shipped a lot of projectiles to Boston, where they were delivered to the government officials and receipted for. Included in the lot were shells hollowed out so they could be charged with a high explosive. Some of them were found defective and were sent to the works and workmen set about to examine them carefully. One of the big shells resisted efforts to open it and after a couple of expert workmen had given up the task it was decided to break it open.

Hardly had the heavy hammers descended when the shell exploded. Fragments were scattered in all directions, yet the workmen nearby were not killed or seriously injured.

It was declared in Boston that the officials were positive the shell had not been loaded when it left their hands. The authorities in Washington were notified and secret service agents have since been working on the case.

POISONED CANDY

Made Two Children Critically Ill

ITHACA, N. Y., Dec. 31.—Two children of Michael Casey, a wealthy retired business man—a boy of 10 and a girl of 13, are critically ill from eating candy believed to have contained Paris green. The candy was in a box delivered at the Casey home by a messenger boy to whom it was given by a mysterious veiled woman. Casey says he can throw no light on the mystery.

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DEATHS

BROWN—Amos B. Brown died Dec. 29, at the country residence in Carver, Mass., of his daughter, Mrs. Isabel A. Fosdick, wife of Lucion J. Fosdick, aged 81 years, 10 months, 3 days.

Mr. Brown was born in Barton, spending his early days on his fa- to Lowell, where he learned the ther's farm. At the age of 21 he came mason's trade, later going into business for himself in this line.

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BIG SENSATION

In the Chinese Murder Case

DEFENSE HAS ASKED FOR NEW TRIAL

Say That One Juror Was Prejudiced

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—A sensation was sprung in the Chinese murder case yesterday. The defence set up in a motion for a new trial that one of the jurors had asserted that he would convict the defendants on their looks, and also that Tow Keang, the chief witness for the government, was in Boston at the time of the murder of Wong Yak Chong in Chinatown, and not in New York as he had testified.

The motion was filed in the office of Clerk Manning of the superior criminal court. Attached to it were several affidavits in support of the charges.

The deponents will be called to testify in regard to the allegations made in the motion at a hearing before Judge White, who presided at the trial, which probably will be given January 2, the day on which the defendants are to come up for sentence.

It is alleged in the motion that John E. Stone of Chelsea, one of the panel which sat at the trial, said to Charles W. Dimick, agent of the United States Bunting company and the United States Cartridge company, at the latter's office, 316 Washington street: "I don't know anything about the case, but I would convict them on their looks."

Recently a rumor that such a remark had been made came to the attention of Charles W. Bartlett, who, with T. J. Barry, M. J. Creed and Mr. McGettrick, is counsel for the defendants, and he immediately made a personal investigation of the matter. He saw Mr. Dimick and in an affidavit that he has made he says the latter told him the remark quoted was made. Mr. Dimick also deposes to the effect that the remark was made by Mr. Stone. Mr. Dimick and Mr. Stone will be asked to rehearse the interview during which the alleged utterance was made.

The defence takes the position that if the juror did make such an expression of opinion, he was incompetent to sit on the panel, and the rights of the prisoners were jeopardized by such prejudice as he evinced.

The defence had tried to show at the trial that the trouble which culminated in the killing of Wong Yak Chong was started by Tow Keang and that he was more deeply concerned in the matter than the defendants.

At the close of the evidence for the defence, Asst. District Attorney McLaughlin produced the sensation of the trial by putting on the stand Tow Keang, whom he had brought over from New York.

The witness testified that he was not in Boston at the time of the trouble, but was in New York, and one of the chief pieces of testimony of the defence was thus rebutted.

Now comes the defence with affidavits of four men, every one of whom deposes that Keang was in this city at the time of the trouble.

Meantime Charley Ching and Wong Chung are in jail, and if the court is not satisfied that the evidence in support of the charges made by the defence is sufficient to set aside the conviction and order a new trial, they will be sentenced to state prison for life.

GRANT'S ROOMMATE

HEAD OF THE PAULIST FATHERS IS DEAD.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30--Rev. Fr. George Deshon, head of the Order of Paulist Fathers in New York, died last night of heart disease, after an illness of three weeks.

Fr. Deshon graduated in 1843 from West Point, where he was a classmate and roommate of Ulysses S. Grant. He retired from the army with the rank of captain in 1851, and was ordained [illegible] four years later. He was born in New London, Conn., in [illegible]

LEAVES PARLIAMENT

INVESTIGATE OUR RAILWAY SYSTEMS.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 30—It is announced that Hon. A. G. Blair, formerly minister of railways and canals in Sir Wilfrid Laurier's cabinet, will vacate his seat in parliament as member for this city. It is understood that Mr. Blair has been appointed a commissioner to inspect the railway systems of the United States, with the view of laying the foundation of a national railroad commission to be appointed by the cabinet. Mr. Blair, who was liberal leader in this province, resigned his cabinet portfolio because of a disagreement with the premier over the Grand Trunk Pacific railway bill.

The political situation throughout Canada is becoming more acute daily, although no official announcement of a general election has yet been made. The overwhelming defeat of the Ross candidate in North Renfrew, Ont., on Saturday last is regarded as a severe blow to the liberal government of that province, and is having some effect indirectly in federal politics. Premier Ross' slender hold on office was further weakened yesterday by the suicide of Andrew Patillo, M. P., of Woodstock, Ont., one of his supporters. The majority of Premier Ross in the legislature is now only two, and the resignation of the Ross ministry is anticipated.

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FROM YESTERDAY'S LATE EDITIONS

CLASS INITIATED

Rochambeau Council Secures New Members

DEGREE STAFF AT WORK FOR FIRST TIME

Grand Regent Tierney Was Present

Rochambeau Council, 2064, Royal Arcanum, by dispensation from the grand regent held its seventeenth stated meeting last night, the object being to close up the year with a clean slate, and initiated 13 members for its own council and one for Industry council. Last night's meeting also marked the introduction of the Kempton ritual as a degree work which this council has been permitted to use by a dispensation from the supreme regent. The 14 members of the degree staff are mostly all young men conected with semi-military companies and their experience in that line served them in good stead in the different stages of the floor work used to exemplify that ritual.

Mr. David A. Parthenais filled the regent's station with commendable skill, and the staff as a whole looked like veterans at the work, which was greatly enhanced by the beautiful appearance of the new robes and accessories.

Grand Regent T. P. Tierney and Grand Warden John J. Hogan were present and paid well deserved tributes tao the council for the work it has accomplished since it was organized eight months ago. Among others who spoke words of praise and encouragement were F. X. A. Hurtubise, the district deputy, who takes an especial pride in the development of this infant council, and A. W. David, P. G. R., who was the organizer of Rochambeau council. Regent Gormley of Industry council was present and he extended the hand of fellowship to the new members, and gave the council a general invitation to attend their ladies' night entertainment in Huntington hall this evening.

Rochambeau council has certainly made a grand record for the eight months it has been in existence. It was organized with 29 members last April and today it numbers 56, having had one death, that of the late Louis E. Richards, who perished in the Wigginville explosion last July. No suspension has yet been recorded against this council, which speaks well for the interest manifested by the officers and members.

Past Regent Joseph A. Legare, private secretary to Congressman Ames, came on from Washington and offered words of cheer for his brethren from whom he is temporarily absent, and to look after a couple of candidates for whom he stood sponsor.

After the meeting a collation was served and Dec. 29, 1903, passed away as a red letter night in the history of Rochambeau council 2064.

JIMMY GARDNER

SAYS THAT GEORGE CAN DEFEAT FITZ.

"My brother George always defeats a man the second time he meets him, and he is going to do it to Fitzsimmons when they meet again," says Jimmie Gardner, younger brother of George. The latter, Monday afternoon, complained that his stomach was not in the best of shape and had not been for the last few weeks, but he has hopes that it will be in proper condition when he goes against Hart.

Billy Walker of this city went over to the training camp Tuesday morning and will help out until the day of the fight.

Hart is rounding into shape in Philadelphia and reports from there are to the effect that he is already in the pink of condition.

Gardner's string of racing horses, six in number, is now at Memphis, Tenn., but next month will be taken to Hot Springs, where they will be entered in a number of good races. Gardner intends to remain about Brooklyn and New York City next summer and will have his horses with him.—Manchester Union.

FUNERALS

SULLIVAN—The funeral of Edward Sullivan, aged 44 years, who died in Springfield December 27, took place yesterday morning at 9 o'clock. Services were conducted in St. Joseph's Catholic church, Springfield and the body was forwarded to this city. The body was met at the Northern station at 2.30 p.m. and burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery with Undertaker Davey in charge.

GILL—The funeral of Henri Gill, who died suddenly Sunday morning, took place yesterday morning, the funeral services being held at 9 o'clock at St. Jean Baptiste church. Rev. Fr. Audibert, O. M. I., officiated. The bearers were Phileas Gamache, Alcide Gill, Ferdin and Riopelle, Joseps Rivard, Barnabe Bellefeuille and Charles Hamel. The following delegation from Court Garin, F. of A., of which deceased was a member, was present: Chief Ranger Eugene Bolduc, Joseph Elvard Barnabe Bellefeuille and Chas. Hamel. Burial was in the family lot in St. Joseph's cemetery. Undertaker Albert had charge.

DUMAINE—The funeral of Henri Dumaine took place yesterday morning from his home in Suffolk street. The funeral services were sung at St. Jean Baptiste church at 8 o'clock. Rev. Fr. Lamothe, O. M. I., officiated. The bearers were Achille Marquis, David Marquis, Pierre Demers, Joseph Bellerose. Undertaker Albert had charge.

MONE—The funeral of John Mone, child of Michael and Catherine Mone, took place yesterday afternoon from the home of his parents, 6 Joiner's court. The interment was in the Catholic cemetery and was under the direction of Undertaker John J. O'Connell.

WATER PIPE BURST.

A water pipe which feeds the automatic sprinkler at the Merrimack Clothing store burst this morning and filled one of the large windows with a quantity of water, but owing to the fact that the window trimmers were changing the clothing in the window there was not the usual large supply. The damage will be slight, but undoubtedly the garments which were sprinkled with the water will be sold at reduced prices.

GAME WAS CLOSE

Lowell Was Defeated by Three Points

THE HAVERHILL TEAM TURNED THE TRICK

Allard and Tighe in a Mix-Up

Haverhill scored a victory over Lowell in Huntington hall last night just as Jimmy Harrington said they would do. The audience which numbered about six hundred was treated to about as clever a game of basketball as has been seen here in several seasons. Both teams were lively but Haverhill had the better of it and won by a score of 10 to 7.

It was a game that was filled with excitement from the moment that the referee's whistle sounded, and at one time developed into a pretty good exhibition of the manly art with Allard and Tighe as the principals. This little incident occurred toward the close of the first period when Cairns had the ball and was carrying it down the floor. He was running close to the fence and when Tighe crashed into him Cairns went flying. Allard took the ball and started away with it while Tighe tried to get it away from him. Tighe says that he crowded Allard pretty well, while Allard claims that Tighe made a pass at him. At any rate whatever happened Allard landed a few good lefts and rights before the other players had a chance to interfere.

Both men were properly ordered from the floor by Referee Connors and the home team was more handicapped than was Haverhill. O'Neil took Allard's place and Kelliher went in to play for Haverhill. Both men put up a good game. Holleron was the only Lowell man to score from the floor. Jimmy Harrington got in his usual basket, and Bucky Lew was as fast as ever.

While the attendance was large it was not up to what the game deserved. This, however, is accounted for by the fact that last night was election night in several of the young men's societies and also the democratic caucuses were held, and many who would like to have seen the game were thus obliged to remain away.

Lowell will play in Haverhill tonight and a car will leave the square at 6.30 and arrive in time for the opening of the game. After the game a car will leave for Lowell.

Tomorrow night the great Concord team will be Lowell's opponents in Huntington hall, and a large crowd will turn out to see Kane and Tighe.

The lineup, running score and summary:

LOWELL.	HAVERHILL.
Allard (Holleron) lf	rb Lew
Abbott rf	lb Lynch
Cairns c	c Doyle
Field (O'Neil) lb	rf Tighe (Kelliher)
Holleron (Field) rb	lf Harrington

Won by	Scored by	Score
Haverhill,	Harrington	2—0
Haverhill,	third foul	3—0
Lowell,	third foul	3—1
Lowell,	Holleron	3—3
	LIMIT.	
Haverhill,	Kelliher	5—3
Lowell,	third foul	5—4
Haverhill,	Doyle	7—4
Haverhill,	third foul	8—4
Lowell,	third foul	8—5
	LIMIT.	
Haverhill,	third foul	9—5
Lowell,	third foul	9—6
Haverhill,	third foul	10—6
Lowell,	third foul	10—7

Summary: Score, Haverhill 10, Lowell 7. Goals by Harrington, Doyle, Kelliher, Holleron. Fouls by Lew, Harrington, Doyle 2, Tighe 2, Kelliher 4, Lynch 5, Cairns, O'Neil, Field 4, Holleron 4, Abbott 3, Allard. Referee, Charles Connors. Timers, Connie Driscoll for Haverhill and Bucky Halloran for Lowell. Attendance, 600.

CONCORD TRIMS MANCHESTER.

CONCORD, Dec. 30—In the basketball game with Manchester last evening the locals carried off the honors. The home team won out by the score of 43 to 14, but that does not mean the play was onesided. About 300 saw the game. Faster playing than was put up by both teams was never seen in this city. The basket throwing was in Kane's favor, but Tighe and McMahon did the hard work. For Manchester, Devlin again led off. Lynch had his hands full caring for Kane. Qualey played hard, but things were not coming his way. Donnelly played his usual clean game. The last two periods were rough. The lineup:

CONCORD.	MANCHESTER.
Stewart rf	lb Donnelly
McMahon lf	rb Lynch
Kane c	c Healy
Herron rb	lf Qualey
Tighe lb	rf Devlin

Score, Concord 43, Manchester 14. Goals from floor, Tighe 5, McMahon 5, Kane 4, Stewart 3, Herron 4, Devlin 3, Qualey 2, Healy, Donnelly. Goals from fouls, Concord 1. Referee, Hill. Scorer, Leighton. Timers, Beckett and Smith. Attendance, 300.

GREEK WOMAN

First One Arrested Tried Today

The first Greek woman ever arrested in Lowell, Katenko Haritapolis, was the defendant in an adultery case in police court today.

If Katenko's story and that of her alleged paramour, George Serakos, was true, Katenko's home life is strewn with thorns instead of roses. She alleged ill treatment and general abuse on the part of her husband, and had suicide on her mind, she said, on the night of her arrest, and that she went to Serako's house to tell her troubles and seek protection from her husband.

Katenko and George Serakos were arrested Christmas morning at 1.30 o'clock at the instigation of Katenko's husband. Officers Creamer, T. J. Dwyer and Regis made the arrests and in police court today they testified that Serakos and Katenko were found in the same room. Katenko was in bed and Serakos was not fully dressed and the pair, they said, were very much excited. Officer Creamer said the bed bore evidence of having had two occupants and he further stated that Katenko told him she preferred Serakos to her husband.

Serakos and Katenko both declared that their relations were perfectly proper. Serakos said he had no other intention but to protect Katenko. She had threatened to drown herself, he said, and he felt it his duty to prevent her, by talking with and advising her.

On cross-examination Katenko said she left home in a very disturbed state of mind and that she was bent on suicide.

"Did you intend to drown yourself?" asked counsel for the government.

"Yes I did," she replied.

"Why didn't you drown yourself?"

"Because I went to George's house," she replied.

The officers said that when they knocked at the bedroom door for admittance they heard a man jump from the bed; at least that was how they interpreted the noise.

No arguments were offered in the case and after a short summing up, Judge Hadley found probable cause and they were ordered in $200 each for their appearance before the superior court.

FOR THE POOR

Mr. Albert Lends Helping Hand

Undertaker Joseph Albert, last evening, gave a whist party for the deserving poor of St. Joseph's parish, in the C. M. A. C. hall and the affair was a great big success. Prizes were offered and were won as follows:

First prize, $5 in gold, Miss Isoline Hotin; second, $4, Henri Patnaude; third, $2, Alphonse Noel; fourth, gold pin, gold cuff set, donated by Alfred Simard, Mrs. W. W. Thibodeau; fifth, $1, Wm. Drapeau; sixth, 50 cents, Miss Emile Lepine; booby, 1 cent, Miss Regina Barry.

Among these winners, Miss Isoline Hotin, who won the first prize, $5 in gold; Mr. Drapeau, who won $1, and Miss Lepine, who won 50 cents, returned their prizes to Mr. Albert to be added to thep roceeds of the party, for the benefit of the poor.

The following musical program was given before whist commenced, from 8 till 9.

Duet, Misses Corinne and Antoinette Alexander; song, Miss Maria Albert; piano solo, Miss Valentine Girard; piano duet, Misses Alden and Eugene Heroux; reading, Arthur Benneage; violin and piano, Henri Patnaude and Miss Adela Patnaude; piano, Miss Mercedes Bouthillette; song and dance, George Carpenter; reading, Miss Eugenie Heroux; piano, Miss Antoinette Alexander.

The judges at whist were Wm. Drapeau, Achille St. Pierre, Dosithee Jacques, Isaie Jalbert, Walter Watkyns.

INTO SOCIETY

Two Charming Girls Formally Introduced

At the residence of Mrs. Julian Talbot, 43 Nesmith street, yesterday afternoon, Miss Elinor Palmer and Miss Rita Talbot were formally introduced into society. The well appointed residence was thronged during the hours of the reception, 4.30 to 7 o'clock. The decorations were beautiful and the arrangements complete. Besides the four women who entertained the receiving party included, Mrs. Joseph Talbot, Mrs. George F. Richardson and Mrs. Thomas Nesmith.

The young women who assisted at the luncheon tables were Miss Christine Cushing, Miss Jessie Sargent, Miss Jennie Hylan, [illegible] Harriet Nesmith, Miss Caroline [illegible], Miss Ada Chalifoux, Miss [illegible] Nesmith, Miss Ruth Burke, [illegible] Florence Plunkett, Miss Louise Talbot, Miss Leslie Potter, Miss Eleanor Buttrick, Miss Edith Nourse and Miss Charlotte Wooley of Boston.

DEATHS

DUNKERLEY—Ann Dunkerley, aged 48 years, died this morning at her home, 28 West Fourth street. She leaves to mourn her loss a husband, James, two daughters, Mrs. William Haworth and Miss Mary Alice Dunkerley, and two sons, John and Frederick.

MAGUIRE—John Maguire, aged 56 years, died this morning at his home, 4 Keelan's court, off Fayette street. The deceased was an old resident of this city and a constant and devout attendant at the Immaculate Conception church. He leaves to mourn his loss two daughters, Lizzie and Annie, one brother, Henry, and two sisters, Mrs. James Hill and Peter Duffy, the latter of Fall River.

PERSONALS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Sumner W. Williams of Pawtucketville a 10 pound daughter.

City Solicitor William A. Hogan is sick at his home, 95 Stevens street.

Mrs. Minnie Keith is ill at her home in Floyd street.

Rev. D. B. Martin of the Paige Street church has been called to his wife's home in Ohio on account of the sudden death of her father. He will be away over Sunday.

Mrs. E. J. Neale and the young women of her Sunday school class entertained in the vestry of the Kirk Street Congregational church last night.

HIS THUMB CRUSHED.

Adam Kingsley, aged 20 years, and residing in Billerica, while at work at the Lowell Scale works this morning got his left thumb crushed in the elevator, causing a badly contused member. He was removed to the Emergency hospital, where his thumb was dressed.

WON A WATCH.

The many friends in this city of Miss Bessie Murphy, a popular young lady of Lawrence, will be pleased to hear that she won a handsome gold watch and chain for selling the greatest number of tickets for the bazaar held recently by the A. O. H. of that city.

Miss Murphy is overwhelmed with congratulations, as it was quite an interesting contest. Her opponent, Miss Ford, is an equally popular young lady and both have a host of friends. Quite a sum was realized.

FOUR ARRESTS

In Connection With the Bakers' Strike

PARIS, Dec. 30.—The police struck a decisive blow at the bakers' strike today by arresting four of the chief officials of the bakers' organization on the charge of being responsible for the petty pillage of bakeshops on the outskirts of the city. The arrest of Bosquet, head of the bakers' union, was made as he was leaving the labor exchange, and caused much excitement. The others were arrested at their homes.

The bakers subsequently held a meeting, decided to postpone the strike until Jan. 15, and protested against the arrests.

The allied trades also resolved to postpone the strike.

IMMIGRATION FIGURES

YEAR 1903 WAS A RECORD BREAKER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30—Immigration at this port in 1903 has passed all previous records. During the calendar year now ending, 619,980 immigrants—steerage passengers—arrived here, as against 547,197 in 1902, an increase of 72,783. It is estimated that some 2000 more foreigners will land before January 1, so that the total increase will probably be close to 73,000. The year 1902 was a record breaking one, the increase over 1901 having been about 139,000. As was the case last year, the heaviest immigration was during May, when 92,815 steerage passengers were admitted at New York. Almost as many came here in April. The immigration was larger every month of the current year, compared with the monthly figures in 1902, with the exception of the current month. Last December 36,000 immigrants, approximately landed here. This month the number will probably not exceed 32,000.

Southern Europe contributed by far the largest proportion of the total. There was, however, a marked increase in the new comers from northern and western Europe, especially Norway, Sweden and Denmark. Italy, nevertheless, leads all the rest. The exodus of Italian laborers, with whom the outward bound steamers were loaded early this month, has shown a marked falling off.

ARCHBISHOP FARLEY

WILL SAIL FOR ROME NEXT MONTH.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Archbishop Farley of this city has received an invitation to visit Rome, to attend the celebration of the jubilee of the Immaculate Conception and probably will sail early next month.

Three important church questions are likely to be brought to an issue while the archbishop is in Rome. They are the supposed need for foreign missionaries, especially for the Italians; selection of an auxiliaray or coadjutor bishop for this diocese and the placing of the American church in direct communication with the vatican by establishing canon law here and removing the restrictions provided for this as a missionary country.

FOUND UNCONSCIOUS

DOWLING HAD BEEN ASSAULTED AND ROBBED.

ROCKVILLE, Conn., Dec. 30.—William H. Dowling, local agent of the Adams Express Co., was robbed and brutally assaulted by two unknown men early today while on his way from his residence to his office. Between $400 and $500 was taken from him. Dowling was found later by the side of the road unconscious. There were several wounds on his head and many bruises on his body.

EMPLOYES LAID OFF.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30—On account of the closing of the Illinois Steel Co. mill at South Chicago, 500 employes of the Chicago, Lake Shore & Eastern railway, which is operated by the steel company, have been laid off and 130 more discharged. Among the men discharged were 30 of the oldest employes of the company, mostly engineers who had been employed by the road from 15 to 20 years.

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GANG OF THIEVES

Gave Holbrook Police a Hot Fight

HOLBROOK, Mass., Dec. 30.—Although the police of every surrounding city and town has been notified to be on the watch, nothing was seen today of the five burglars who were detected in an attempt to break into the Holbrook post office early this morning and escaped after a pistol fight with Chief of Police Crocker.

When last seen the men were bound toward Randolph, one of their number apparently wounded. A clue which eventually may lead to the capture of the men, or at least make it possible to establish their identity, was found today when one of the searchers came upon a large number of burglar tools near the post office. These included several heavy sledge hammers, crowbars, cold chisels, bits, etc. They were at once turned over to the police, who are now making an attempt to trace them and thus identify their owners.

CHINAMEN APPEAL

THEY DO NOT WANT TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY.

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—With a determination to exhaust every means at their command to obtain permission to remain in the United States, several Chinamen who have been ordered deported by United States Commissioner Hale, have appealed the cases to the United States district court. Judge Lowell heard the first of these appeals today. Meantime Commissioner Hale is still hearing evidence in the cases of thirty or forty other Chinamen who were arrested with those who have appealed, in a raid at Chinatown several months ago.

CUT IN PRICES

A THEATRE MANAGER OFFERS BEST SEATS FOR $1.50.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Orchestra seats previously costing $2, will be reduced next Monday to $1.50 by the management of the Manhattan theatre. The cut has caused much excitement among Broadway theatrical managers who have clung for several years to the higher price for choice seats. Just what effect it will have is problematical, but several conferences have been held at which the situation was thoroughly discussed.

In announcing the cut, the proprietor of the Manhattan, who also is at the head of the independent syndicate, says he is satisfied that the public, rich as well as poor, believe $1.50 is enough and that several other managers whom he has consulted are of the same opinion, but have hesitated at taking individual action, despite the great falling off in patronage during the present season.

LIVES IN DANGER

INCENDIARY FIRE IN A TENEMENT HOUSE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Fire in an Allen street tenement house, early today, said to be of incendiary origin, jeopardized three hundred lives, but caused slight damage to property. One of the tenants upon arriving home found smoke in the hall and heard the crackling of flames in the cellar. He saw a man crouching in the hallway and held him, later turning him over to the police, to whom he said he was Thomas Farrell, a former tenant. After the fire a quantity of tar oil was found near where the blaze had been started and in the pockets of the prisoner were found a piece of steel, matches and a candle.

LODGERS ESCAPE

CAME NEAR BEING SUFFOCATED BY GAS.

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—A score of lodgers in a south end house were awakened today by a fellow lodger just in time to escape probable suffocation from poison gas. George Hanson, who was asleep on the top floor, detected the order and hurried from room to room warning the occupants. Adrew Anderson, 50 years of age, was the most seriously affected and he was taken to the city hospital in a critical condition. The others recovered quickly.

LIFE SENTENCE

FOR AGED MAN CONVICTED OF MURDER.

SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 30.—Andrew Samieski, 71 years old, who murdered his wife in Southwick in September, 1902, because of jealousy of a 16-year-old boy, was yesterday sentenced to imprisonment for life. Samieski's trial was to have began yesterday afternoon. His attorney, however, urged that the ends of justice would be served if the commonwealth accepted a plea of guilty in the second degree. Dist. Atty. Noxon offered no objection and Judge Luther White consented. Through an interpreter Samieski said: "What has been done cannot be undone. I am sorry for my fault and accept without fear the penalty." Samieski, who is a withered old man, displayed no emotion.

Samieski, after cutting his wife's throat from ear to ear danced on her in a frenzy of rage. His wife was many years his junior and Samieski had long been jealous of her.

McINTIRE IS DEAD

IT IS SAID HE DRANK TOO MUCH WHISKY.

ROCHESTER, Dec. 30.—Peter McIntire, a well-known resident of this city, died yesterday under what are alleged peculiar circumstances. He had been employed in the Wallace shoe factory and is said to have been the victim of a practical joke.

The parties knowing to the story are very chary in giving out the details, and Medical Referee Neal, whose attention has been called to the case, declines to discuss the matter.

The story as given out is as follows: McIntire was at work in the shop last Thursday, when other employes brought in two half pint flasks of whisky. The liquor was passed to McIntire, and some bantering took place as to how much McIntire could drink. It is understood that the dead man drained one of the flasks.

He was soon taken sick, and went into a comatose condition. He recovered his senses, it is stated, only for short intervals and died Monday.

The management of the shoe factory, it is further stated, investigated the matter, and several summary discharges followed. It is understood that the county solicitor will come here today to make inquiries.

CANCER REMOVED

Radium Was Used by the Patient

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Radium is reported to have removed a cancer which had spread over the entire right cheek of William Hoffman, 62 years old, of Newark, N. Y. When he came here for treatment, several specialists expressed the belief that the growth could be removed only but cutting away nearly all the flesh on one side of his head.

Hoffman's nephew, a physician, procured a tube containing a tiny portion of radium and experimented by placing it in the patient's mouth. He reports that Hoffman complained of a burning sensation in the cheek, which became unendurable after about 40 minutes. The swelling began to go down immediately, and after treating for a few days the growth began to disappear. A stronger tube was procured from Paris and at the end of six weeks the cancer is said to have entirely disappeared, leaving the cheek in its normal state.

HOUSE WRECKED

BY THE EXPLOSION OF A WATER COIL.

MANCHESTER, Dec. 30.—The home of Samuel B. Nelson at 59 Dover street West Manchester, is a total wreck from the effects of the bursting of the water coil in the kitchen range, the accident occurring shortly before 9 o'clock Tuesday morning. The lives of two of the youngest children, who were standing directly in front of the stove when the explosion occurred, were greatly endangered, and Priscilla, aged 7, was terribly burned about the face, hands and body, and her escape from instant death is considered miraculous.

The interior of the house soon after the affair happened presented a scene that was anything but inviting. The range, which was of the large variety, was completely demolished and hardly a piece could be found as large as a saucer, the wood work about the kitchen was shattered, nearly every window in the house was blown out and the concussion from the explosion dismantled everything in the adjoining rooms. The little girl received her injuries from the escaping steam and hot coals, which were thrown out into the room.

Dr. C. F. Steuara was summoned to attend to the injuries of the child and advised that she should be removed to a hospital as her injuries were of such a extent that they needed constant attendance.

A slight blaze started in the kitchen soon after the explosion and the Fire King engine company was called out on a still alarm to squelch the blaze.

Mr. Nelson said that he had turned off the valve in the water coil because he was fearful that the water might freeze in the pipes. The fire was built in the stove about 8 o'clock and nearly an hour elapsed before the blowout occurred. Mr. Nelson said that the stove was a new one, having been in use only about a month, and he supposed the hot water attachment was of the latest pattern.

Mr. Nelson also said that all the members were gathered around the stove just prior to the explosion but when it occurred only Priscilla was seated in front of the range.

The house is owned by Joseph R. Fradd of West Manchester.

LEATHER FACTORY

DAMAGED TO EXTENT OF $15,000 BY FIRE.

PEABODY, Dec. 30—Fire last evening in Holden's leather factory, corner of Walnut and Wallis streets, caused a loss of the structure and contents, estimated at $15,000.

The fire was discovered in the second story of the Walnut street section at 5.55, and an alarm from box 24 summoned a portion of the fire department. A general alarm a few minutes later called the entire department.

The building was of wood and owned by John A. Lord, and has been used for many years for the manufacture of heavy side leather. The floors and walls being saturated with oil, the structure burned fiercely. It is supposed the fire originated in the buffing department. The fire had made good headway before the department arrived, and the Walnut street section is badly damaged.

There was a large amount of finished stock in the section burned and a big stock of hides ready for finishing. The loss on the building is about $5000, covered by insurance. Mr. Holden will lose $2000 on machinery and $10,000 on stock. A large invoice of hides was received at the factory yesterday and stored in the Wallis street section. It is understood that the stock and machinery are fully insured.

F. E. Slocomb & Co., dealers in leather machinery, who had an office in the factory, will not suffer a heavy loss.

STAY OF PROCEEDINGS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The taking of oral testimony in the action brought by the New York Security and Trust Co., and Charles M. Schwab against the United States Shipbuilding Co., and Receiver Smith, to foreclose the mortgage on the Bethlehem Steel Co., scheduled for today was postponed, a stay of proceedings having been obtained by the defence.

CRITICALLY ILL.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 30—John Charlton, M. P., who recently delivered addresses in many cities of the United States in favor of reciprocity with the Dominion, is critically ill. Owing to advanced age there are fears for his life.

CONDUCTOR NEIL DEAD.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 30.—Conductor Geo. Neil, the 22d victim of the Pere Marquette wreck near East Paris, Mich., last Saturday evening, died today at Butterworth hospital. His death was due to the nervous shock.

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LEFT HUSBAND

Mrs. Moffatt Refused to Return

BENNINGTON, Vt., Dec. 30.—Testimony tending to show the relations which had existed for some time between Mrs. Alice Moffatt and Joseph Mears was presented today when the trial of Mrs. Moffatt on a charge of attempting to poison her husband was resumed. Several witnesses told of having seen the two together on numerous occasions and of having heard Mrs. Moffatt, who had left her husband, refuse to return to him. Mrs. Stella Mears, mother of Joseph, told of the friendly relations between her son and the defendant. When Joseph, who is now serving sentence as principal in the attempt to poison Mr. Moffatt, was on trial, Mrs. Moffatt told witness not to worry as she knew he was innocent.

It was expected that Mears would testify for the prosecution this afternoon.

FREEL TO RETIRE

BATTALION CHIEF HAS RENDERED GOOD SERVICE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Thomas F. Freel, battalion chief in the fire department, has made application to Commissioner Sturgiss for retirement to take effect January 1. It was largely through the testimony of Marshal Freel that ex-Chief Edward F. Crooker was dismissed. Freel testified especially concerning alleged negligence at the Park avenue hotel fire. His rise in the fire department was rapid. He was appointed to the force on July 18, 1881. No charges have ever been made against him. He has been on the roll of merit several times and has several medals for personal bravery.

PUPILS ACQUITTED

THEY WERE CHARGED WITH ASSAULT AND BATTERY.

BLUFFTON, Ind., Dec. 30. The trial of the 16 pupils of the Bluffton high school charged with assault and battery on Ralph McBride, ended today with a verdict of acquittal. McBride died several months after initiation into the "L. of S. S. B." fraternity, but the state failed to show that his death was due to the severe hazing of the initiation.

TECHNICAL PAPERS READ.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30.—Technical papers and discussions today occupied the attention of the delegates to the annual meeting of the five American affiliated scientific societies. The speakers during the morning session were Dr. Robert R. Bensley, Dr. John G. Wilson, Dr. D. D. Lewis and Dr. Preston Keys of the Chicago University; Dr. Edward A. Spitzka, Columbia University; Dr. Charles R. Bardeen, Johns Hopkins university; Susana Phelps Gage, Ithaca.

MONEY ON CALL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30—Noon—Money on call strong at 7 per cent.; prime mercantile paper, 5½ @ 6 per cent.

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VISITED WORLD'S FAIR GROUNDS

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 30—This was another busy day for the members of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. After meetings by the various sections the members visited the world's fair grounds.

The sections of mathematics and astronomy and the American Microscopal society have finished their sessions and others conclude their work today and tomorrow.

One other organization formed will be known as the American Breeders association. It is an organization for practical and scientific plant and animal breeders. A plan is on foot among the members of the section of geology and geography to form an organization of geographers to affiliate with the association.

Officers of the association will be elected Thursday evening, when the next place of meeting will be selected. It is stated that next year's convention will, in all probability, be held in Philadelphia.

HARVARD MAN WON.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—In the intercollegiate chess tournament the referee today announced his decision in one of the two games which were submitted to him for adjudication. Carr of Harvard is declared winner in the game against Mowry of Princeton. The game yet to be decided is that between Marshall and Palmer.

THE SAME GANG.

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—The opinion was expressed at police headquarters today that the men who tried unsuccessfully to rob the post office at Holbrook early today are members of the same gang which dynamited the safe of the Metropolitan Coal Co., at East Boston several weeks ago. The methods employed at Holbrook by the burglars were the same as those used at East Boston and also at Merrimac, where it has been proved, the East Boston robbers were responsible for the burglaries. Special efforts were made in this city to capture the Holbrook criminals, did they come here, but up to noon no arrests had been made.

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BRIBERY CASE

More Testimony Was Offered Today

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 30.—J. Boyd Pantlind, a hotel man, testified against William F. McKnight and ex-State Senator George R. Nichols of Iona, when their examination in the police court on the charge of subornation of perjury was resumed today. Pantlind testified that during the bribery trial of Lant K. Salsbury, former city attorney, during which the alleged offense was committed, he gave to McKnight the key to a private parlor in his hotel. It is alleged that an attempt was made in this parlor to bribe Witness Garman who was expected to furnish the people's strongest testimony at the Salsbury trial.

The evidence regarding a key to the hotel parlor was in direct contradiction to that given at an earlier session of the McKnight and Nichols examination, Pantlind stating that he swore falsely previously because of friendship for McKnight. "I did give him a room," he said, "this is a very humiliating position for me. This case has made liars of a great many men. I am sorry it has affected me also.

"I must say that I want to be right now. Mr. McKnight did not ask me to testify in his favor. I did it only through friendship for 'Billy.'

"When Mr. McKnight asked for the room he said it was for a meeting. I sent for Mr. Rathbone and he gave Mr. McKnight the key to the room; nothing was paid for the room. I gave it to him as a matter of accommodation."

Mortimer Rathbone, manager of the hotel, changed his testimony also and stated that he gave the key of the private parlor to Pantlind who gave it to McKnight. He declared he had not been asked to give misleading testimony.

Mr. Luther, assistant stenographer in the Salsbury trial, told of the evidence given by Nichols at that trial regarding the alleged attempt to bribe Garman to swear falsely. In this testimony Nichols denied having approached Garman in any manner.

GOMPERTZ' STORY

TOLD IN THE DUNSMUIRS WILL CONTEST.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 30.—Walter A. Gompertz, cashier, treasurer and director of the R. Dunsmuir Sons company, testifying in the Hopper-Dunsmuir will contest case, has detailed the workings of the San Francisco and British Columbia business and said Alexander Dunsmuir had always impressed him as an intelligent business man. Gompertz said he had never seen Dunsmuir playing the childish pranks accredited to him by previous witnesses. He related a conversation he had with Dunsmuir in which the latter said that if he (Dunsmuir) died first, his brother James would provide for Mrs. Wallace. Dunsmuir also had spoken of Mrs. Hopper and of her reported engagement to Tod Sloan, the jockey. Dunsmuir said then, according to witness, that if Mrs. Hopper married again she was to marry Mr. Crowninshield.

THEIR DORY STOLEN.

HALIFAX, Dec. 30—Of eight Gloucester fishermen who left here today on the steamer Halifax for Boston, two claim they were left stranded here by the theft of their dory. They obtained permission from the captain of the schooner Gossip, which was fishing near Port Dufferin, to come ashore. When they started to return to the vessel they were unable to find their boat and concluded that someone had stolen it.

The other sailors who left on the Halifax came from the wreck of the schooner Independence near Glace Bay, C. B. It is now said the Lamoine, Maine, schooner Laurel, which struck on Pancake Island may be floated. Capt. Churchill, of the Laurel is still at the scene of the wreck.

BALL PLAYER KILLED.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 30—Dennis Leahy, for several years a ball player in the Virginia baseball league and at one time a member of the Cincinnati baseball team, was shot and killed here today by Frank Ragan. Ragan was arrested.

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MADE HOMELESS

Families Sought Shelter in a Church

NEW YORK, Dec. 30—Thirteen families were made homeless by a fire which started from some unknown cause in North Bergen, N. J., today. Four persons were injured and are in the hospital.

Nine houses were burned to the ground and five others partially destroyed. The homeless are sheltered in a church. The loss will not exceed $20,000.

LIFE SENTENCES

THIRTY-FOUR PERSONS ARE SERVING THEM.

AUGUSTA, Me., Dec. 30.—Thirty-four persons are serving life sentences for murder in the state prison at Thomaston according to the annual report of Warden Hillman Smith, submitted to the governor and council today. During the past year 67 convicts were received, 71 were discharged by expiration of sentence, one died and four were pardoned. The average daily number of prisoners was 168. The largest number, 21, were committed from Cumberland county. There was not a case of contagious or infectious disease during the year.

BOY ACQUITTED

KILLED ANOTHER WHILE FIGHTING "MOCK DUEL."

PATERSON, N. J., Dec. 30.—Julian Wogman, who shot and killed Tony Lee on Dec. 20, while the two boys were fighting a "mock duel," has been acquitted by a coroner's jury, which found that Lee's death was the result of an accident.

FATALLY WOUNDED

RAILROAD EMPLOYES AND NEGROES FOUGHT.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30—A dispatch from New Orleans says:

In a fiercely fought battle between railroad employes and negroes, following an attempt to hold up a freight train on the Southern Pacific railroad, two of the trainmen have been fatally wounded. The train was attacked by a gang of negro tramps near Morgan City and captured after the crew had been driven off. A body of railroad employes gathered by the conductor of the freight train and opened fire upon the negroes who were looting the cars. After an exchange of shots, during which Brakemen B. S. Cooper and F. C. Watcher were shot, the tramps were driven off. Several were captured later.

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JAPAN MUST STRIKE

Cannot Wait Longer for a Final Decision

BERLIN, DEC. 30.—THE LOKAL ANZEIGER WITHOUT RESERVE, SAYS: "THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS INFORMED THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE POWERS AT TOKIO, THAT THE SITUATION AT THIS MOMENT IS UNBEARABLE AND THAT JAPAN MUST STRIKE IF RUSSIA DOES NOT ACCEPT THE PROPOSITIONS JAPAN HAS SUBMITTED, AS JAPAN CAN NO LONGER WAIT FOR A FINAL DECISION.

BOUGHT TWO WARSHIPS

LONDON, DEC. 30.—JAPAN THIS EVENING COMPLETED THE PURCHASE OF THE ARGENTINE WARSHIPS MORENO AND RIVADAVIA, BUILDING AT GENOA, ITALY, FOR WHICH RUSSIA IS ALSO NEGOTIATING.

A CRITICAL STAGE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—At the Russian ambassy and at the Japanese legation the Associated Press is informed that the situation in the far east has entered upon a critical stage. Both the Russian ambassador, Count Cassini and Mr. Kogoro Takahira, the Japanese minister, express the hope that war is not yet inevitable. Count Cassini goes further and is of the opinion that the situation may yet be saved without recourse to arms, but the ambassador has no official advices on which to base this belief and it is only his personal view of the matter. Mr. Takahira takes a more pessimistic view of the case.

MOBILIZING TROOPS.

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—News has been received here confirming previous reports that Japan is mobilizing, probably with the object of occupying Korea. The confirmation has reached the German government officially and it is interpreted here, as in Paris, to mean, not that Japan intends to send an ultimatum to Russia; but that Japan may occupy Korea without Russia considering it a casus belli.

The situation is regarded here tonight as developing rapidly yet not necessarily toward war.

STILL HOPE FOR PEACE.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—6.52 a. m.—It was said at the foreign office this afternoon that up to this time the officials had received no intimation of the nature of the Russian reply to the Japanese but they were still hopeful of a peaceful solution.

WILL NOT HURRY

RUSSIA WILL TAKE PLENTY OF TIME.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—6.55 p. m.—While still not believing that war between Russia and Japan will occur the optimistic tone in official and diplomatic circles here was somewhat modified today by advices from Tokio and St. Petersburg. Japan, it appears, is hastening preparations for the purpose, it is suggested, of influencing Russia's action upon the Japanese note. Russia, on the other hand, has no intention to hurry. Her reply is not expected to be made before Jan. 10. Russia's purpose seems to be to put the onus of declaring war upon Japan, if such be the result of the negotiations.

NO ULTIMATUM YET.

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—The foreign office says the German representatives at Tokio have not been informed in the sense which the Lokal Anzeiger says they have, and further, that the Russian government has not received an ultimatum for that would be in effect the meaning of such a declaration.

The Japanese legation says it has not received any intelligence from Tokio confirming the statement that Japan's patience is exhausted.

ACTIVE TRADING

Still Noted in the Cotton Market

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Speculation in cotton was resumed on an exceedingly active scale today and trade sentiment seemed no less nervous and settled than on yesterday. From the clang of the gong fluctuations were wildly erratic. Cables were a shade better than expected and after the opening weakened the outlook was for heavy receipts.

First prices were seven points higher [illegible] 8 points lower and following the [illegible] ruled very erratic. May opened at 13.75, a net loss of 5 points, sold up to 13.80 on the call, then broke to [illegible]50, recovered slightly but within the same half hour sold back to 13.56, a net [illegible] of 24 points, while the other [illegible] showed equally wide changes [illegible] the general tendency downward [illegible] result of heavy liquidation and [illegible] that the bulls were unloading. [illegible] the lowest level of the morning [illegible] sold at 13.29, May at 13.40 and [illegible] at 13.34, a net loss of 35 to 40 [illegible] a decline of about $4.85 a [illegible] from the best prices of yesterday. About midday the bulls quickly [illegible] their tactics and began bidding aggressively while the room [illegible] that had been helping to sell [illegible] market down turned to cover and [illegible] torrent of buying came in [illegible] prices rallying to about the [illegible] point of the morning or just about [illegible] last night's close. This [illegible] succeeded by another down-turn [illegible] points and early afternoon [illegible] losses of 9 @ 11 points on the active months.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 30.—Cotton opened easy and apparently nervous, giving way three to four points. After that, amid some excitement, it advanced six to seven points, on the receipt of the New York opening. The market finally gave way, January and February touching 6.93 and closed weak.

GENERAL CHAFFEE

THE NEXT ONE TO BE PROMOTED.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—Official announcement has been made at the war department that on January 9, when Lt. Gen. S. B. M. Young will retire because of age, Maj. Gen. Adna R. Chaffee will be promoted to the grade of lieutenant-general and be made chief of staff.

General Chaffee is probably the best known officer of the army now on the active list, and his selection to be chief of staff meets with the hearty approval of the army. His career has been remarkable. In 1861 he enlisted in the 6th cavalry as a private. For nearly two years he served as an enlisted man and in 1863 he became a second lieutenant. Since then his rise has been in accordance with law. As an Indian fighter he has had few superiors.

It is the intention of the administration to promote and retire next month several brigadier-generals, giving them the retired rank of major-general. Colonels who served in the Civil war with good records are to be made brigadier-generals and retired, the permanent vacancies in that grade filled by the appointment of young, energetic officers. Capt. Pershing, Capt. A. S. Mills, superintendent of the military academy, and Capt. Clarence R. Edwards, colonel and chief of the bureau of insular affairs, are mentioned as likely to obtain promotion to the grade of brigadier-general.

TURNED ON GAS

WOMAN TRIED TO COMMIT SUICIDE.

MONTREAL, Que., Dec. 30.—A woman registered at St. Lawrence Hall yesterday as "Mrs. Marchand, Portland, Me." A few hours later she was found unconscious, from gas poisoning, upon the floor of her room, and very near to death. According to her own story, she married David Marchand, a Grand Trunk railroad conductor, about a year ago, and in November last a child was born, but died.

Marchand, she says, visited her regularly, and she came up here the day before Christmas, hoping to spend the holidays with him. Then she learned that she was not his lawful wife, and that he was living here with his first wife. She sent for him, she says, and he came with a detective, and took away her wedding ring and marriage certificate.

She went to the hotel, and wrote her husband an affectionate note, saying "You are falser than I thought you were, Dave, but I forgive you. I want you to bury me beside my baby boy. I still think of you kindly, and I know that you will feel badly. Try and forget mother."

Then she wrote another note and asked that the following people be notified of her death; A. Marchand, 49 Fore street, Portland; Miss C. L. Latham, 72 South street, Boston; Frank Lane, 91 Lancaster street, Portland; Alexander Poulter, Richmond.

After writing these notes she took a drink of brandy, and, fastening the door, turned on the gas and waited for the end. A bellboy noticed the odor of gas and doctors were sent for. It is thought that she will recover.

David Marchant said last night: "I met her when I was running into Portland. Her name is Alice Mullen, and she was a waitress where I lived. I finally gave her money to help her set up a boarding house and she seemed to be doing very well. She told many people that I had married her, but I did not. She once tried to shoot me. It is all nonsense for her to say that we took her ring and marriage certificate away from her. She did not have any. She wanted some money and I gave her some that she could go back to Portland. If she bothers me again I shall have her arrested."

MINISTER MARRIED.

BERNARDSVILLE, N. J., Dec. 30.—The marriage of Miss Caroline Green Mitchell to Rev. Anson Phelps Stokes, Jr., of New Haven, Conn., took place at St. Bernard's church here today.

The ceremony was read by Rev. Ralph Brydges of Islip, L. I., and by Rev. T. A. Conover, rector of St. Bernard's. The Right Rev. Edwin S. Lines, bishop of Newark and late rector of St. Paul's church, New Haven, pronounced the blessing.

Miss Anna Mitchell, a sister of the bride, was maid of honor. There were no bridesmaids. The best man was J. G. Phelps Stokes, brother of the bridegroom.

The groom is the third son of Anson Phelps Stokes of New York city. He is secretary of the Yale corporation and assistant rector of St. Paul's church, New Haven. The bride is the daughter of the late Clarence Green Mitchell.

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JAIL SENTENCE

For Italian Charged With Robbery

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 30.—Guiseppe Mannino, who was arrested in New York on the Anchor line dock in September on the charge of holding up and robbing Paymaster Sherman of the Saranac mills, Woonsocket, was given a sentence of five years imprisonment in the supreme court today. Mannino entered a plea of nolo, and as the state said that they would be satisfied with a minimum sentence, the above sentence was accordingly pronounced. With two other Italians, Ferdinando Patalamante and Antonio Mansoni, Mannino is alleged to have held up Mr. Sherman on the tow path at Woonsocket on the morning of Saturday, Sept. 19, and to have relieved him of about $3000 which he was conveying in his carriage to the mill to pay off the mill operatives.

After the accomplishment of their purpose the three men disappeared, going to Boston, where they separated, Mannino going to New York city to take a passage to Italy, when he was apprehended.

PERRY HEATH

MADE AN ERROR IN HIS INTERVIEW.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30—Widespread publicity has been given to an interview with Perry S. Heath, in which Mr. Heath declared that President McKinley told him "it was his firm conviction that he would live to see Hanna president, and that he would receive the nomination from his party." Mr. Heath is quoted as saying: "I saw President McKinley only a few days before he was shot at Buffalo. He was in the White House in Washington and I had a long talk with him pertaining to the next presidential election. During the conversation Mr. McKinley, in speaking of the man who would succeed him, said: 'I expect to see my friend and associate, Marcus A. Hanna, the next president of the United States. I believe he will be nominated and elected.'"

Mr. Heath then goes on to say: "Mr. McKinley went to Canton the following day, and the next day thereafter was shot while at Buffalo." Mr. Heath thus locates this conversation in the White House in Washington two days before the shooting of President McKinley at Buffalo, inasmuch as the president "went to Canton the following day, and the next day thereafter was shot at Buffalo."

But Mr. Heath is mistaken as to the time when this conversation at the White House took place. For it is a matter of general knowledge that President McKinley left Washington with Mrs. McKinley for Canton July 6, and never returned to this city. He went direct to Canton from Washington and remained there all summer. He was shot in Buffalo Sept. 6, just two months from the day he had gone from his office in the White House. It is well known that he did not at any time return to Washington before the Buffalo tragedy.

GOT HOMESICK

CHORUS GIRLS LONGED TO SEE BOSTON.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—"I won't stay another minute, I want to go back to Boston."

It was one of the chorus girls of the "Yankee Consul" company, which is now playing at the Studebaker theatre, who was speaking. A pale-faced official of the company, who thought he saw trouble ahead, stood in front of her and pleaded.

"What do you want to talk that way for?" he asked. "The holidays will soon be over, and then you will not be homesick any more. I would be brave if I were you."

The trouble started on the stage of the theatre Christmas eve, when boxes and bales of presents for the members of the chorus were received. The company was recruited in Boston, and very few of the chorus girls had been on the stage before. They were fresh from music schools and got along all right until Christmas came, when an epidemic of homesickness broke out among them, and they laughed before the scenery only to go behind it and cry.

"I also am going home," said another, and a dozen others announced their intention of leaving the company.

"Chicago is such a dirty and lonesome place," they said.

"Fiddle, it has Boston beaten a mile," said the manager, who was beginning to be desperate. The girls have now promised to remain until New Year's day, by which time it is hoped their homesickness will have left them.

STOCK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30—The stock market opened irregular. Amalgamated Copper 50¼ to 51⅛, Atchison 69⅝, Baltimore & Ohio 80¾, Brooklyn Transit 53¾, Canadian Pacific 119¼, Erie 29¾, do. pfd. 68¾, Louisville 110¼, Manhattan 140¼, Missouri Pacific 96⅜, Norfolk & Western 58, Ontario & Western 23¾, Penna. 119⅝, Reading 46⅝, Rock Island 24⅜, Sugar 121⅝, St. Paul 147⅛, Southern Pacific 60⅛, Southern Railway 21⅛, Union Pacific 85¼, United States Steel 12⅛, do. pfd. 57⅝.

COTTON FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Cotton futures opened steady. Dec., 13.25 @ 13.50; Jan., 13.35; Feb., 13.55, March, 13.73, April, 13.65; May, 13.75; June, 13.75; July, 13.78; Aug. 13.40.

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CORAM CASE

The Court Gives Decision Favorable to Plaintiff

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—An opinion was filed in the United States circuit court by Judge Putnam this afternoon in the case of Eva A. Ingersoll, administratrix of the estate of Robert G. Ingersoll against Joseph A. Coram of Lowell and others to the effect that the plaintiff has a good lien on the property of the defendant on account of legal services rendered by Mr. Ingersoll. The plaintiff's husband acted as attorney in the case of the estate of the late Andrew G. Davis of Butte, Mont., who died leaving a property valued at from two million to five million dollars.

The court finds that this lien rests upon the agreement of the defendants, who inherited a part of the Davis estate, to serve as counsel and finds that it does not rest on the statutes of Montana which give an attorney's lien in certain cases. The amount claimed to be due the administratrix is about $140,000, being the sum of $95,000 and accumulating interest. The case will now be heard upon its merits.

NOTABLE COTILLON

GIVEN IN HONOR OF MISS ROOSEVELT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Last night Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh gave an elaborate cotillon of 60 couples in honor of Miss Alice Roosevelt. Her partner in the dance was Lieut. Edward McCauley, Jr. The music for the occasion was rendered by Haley's orchestra. This occasion was the notable social event of the week. The company assembled in the Louis XIV drawing room of the magnificent Walsh mansion and after the assignment of partners were ushered to the great ball room.

The early evening was devoted to a short program of dancing, and then supper was served in the theatre at 11 o'clock and the cotillon began at midnight. The favors were exceptionally beautiful. Ivory wands, fans edged with the costliest lace and decorated by the most famous artists, some of them souvenirs of Watteau and other decorators, shepherdess hats made more daintily that even Amaryllis knew in the golden age, and a multitude of choice souvenirs were distributed. When the ladies were decked as shepherdesses, quaint headgear and brilliant capes were distributed to the gentlemen, and the scene was one of the loveliest imaginable.

There was no set scheme of floral decoration, but masses of pink and white azalies and specially grown lilies were distributed around the hall and throughout the mansion in the most tasteful profusion. Mrs. Walsh wore a white silk gown trimmed in lace, and was untiring in her efforts to promote the pleasure of the dance. Altogether the affair was well planned and one of the most brilliant spectacles ever seen in Washington.

Miss Roosevelt returned to Washington from New York yesterday and will spend some time at the White House. Mrs. Roosevelt has issued invitations for a dinner on Jan. 8, the evening following the reception to the diplomatic corps, for which the cards are already out.

LEFT A FORTUNE

YOUNG GIRL IS HEIR TO MORE THAN HALF A MILLION DOLLARS.

WASHINGTON, Vt., Dec. 30—Ella M. Spooner, a young woman of this town, is the only heir of Thomas Newman, who died recently at Wheeling, W. Va., leaving bank deposits and gilt-edged securities amounting to more than half a million dollars.

Newman lived very modestly and was not believed by his friends to possess a fortune. The discovery of his wealth caused great surprise here, where he formerly lived. Miss Spooner has taken steps to secure her inheritance.

QUIET IN KISHINEFF.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 30.—It is officially announced in view of the reports current abroad of renewed attacks on the Jews, that Kishineff was never quieter than at the present time.

ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 30—The second day's session of the American Economic association was held in Tulane university. President Seligman presided. The proceedings opened with the reading of a paper by Prof. Frank A. Fetter of Cornell university on the relations between rent and interest.

TO FOUND HOSPITAL.

BOSTON, Dec. 30—The will of the late Peter B. Brigham is sustained by a decision handed down by Justice Colt in the United States circuit court today and the $5,000,000 involved will go toward founding the Brigham hospital, according to the wishes of the testator. The heirs-at-law contested this provision. The decision holds that the heirs-at-law and next of kin have no valid claim to the fund.

DIED OF OLD AGE

AMSTERDAM, N. Y., Dec. 30—Mary Holmes, wife of Peter Fuller, is dead at Palatine Bridge from the infirmities of advanced age. She was born in Connecticut in 1803, but had lived at Palatine 60 years. Her aged husband, so infirm as to be unable to realize his wife's death, survives.

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Railroad Responsible for Value of Goods

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 30.—In the United States circuit court today Judge Acheson handed down an opinion in the case of William Doyle vs. the Baltimore & Ohio railroad which will likely be far reaching in its effect. In the opinion, Judge Acheson virtually says that under the present methods of doing business a railroad company is responsible for the full value of goods lost in transit, notwithstanding the printing or stamping of a clause on the face of the bill of loading, calling for a maximum allowance for release, unless the agreement as to value read and the shipper and also agreement shall have been made between the railroad as to freight rate and the signature of the shipper secured to the agreement.

The case was tried at the November term of court and the jury found for the plaintiff in the sum of $5000, subject to the opinion of the court on a question of law reserved. The question was "whether by virtue of the bill of lading the liability of the defendant is conclusively limited to $5 per 100 pounds, to wit: The sum of $232.50, with interest."

OUT ON STRIKE

STONE MASONS IN SYMPATHY WITH BRICKLAYERS.

GROTON, Conn., Dec. 30—Stone masons employed upon the estate of Morton F. Plant at Eastern Point went out on strike today in sympathy with the bricklayers who struck last week because three plasterers employed with them did not carry cards of the local branch of the International Bricklayers' and Masons' union of America. The men carried cards in the Plasterers' association of Boston. The international body claims jurisdiction over the entire United States. A member of the local union will make a proposition for settlement to Norcross Bros. of Worcester, Mass., who are the contractors for the mason work. In case Norcross Bros. fail to accept the proposition it is said that work on all its contracts will be tied up.

CARBOLIC ACID

WELL KNOWN INSURANCE MAN COMMITTED SUICIDE.

ROME, N. Y., Dec. 30—Edwin R. Farrier, one of the best known insurance men in Rome, committed suicide today by swallowing nearly an ounce of carbolic acid with a glass of beer. He was 56 years old. His accounts were straight and there is no explanation for his act.

MINISTER SQUIERS

HAS HASTENED BACK TO CUBA.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Minister Squiers has again curtailed his leave of absence and hastened to Cuba. He will arrive at Havana by the end of the week. It is understood that the rather extraordinary legislation pending in the Cuban congress requires the presence of the American minister. The proposed changes in the Cuban tariff schedules are regarded in some quarters here as tending to vitiate the spirit if not the letter of the Cuban reciprocity treaty.

EMPEROR JOSEPH

HAS QUITE RECOVERED FROM HIS ACCIDENT.

VIENNA, Dec. 30—Emperor Francis Joseph has quite recovered from his accident and is pursuing his ordinary avocations today, giving private and general audiences as usual.

There is no truth in the report, published abroad, that the emperor had a stroke of paralysis. His majesty is perfectly well.

MARTIN F. CARNEY

IS HEIR TO A FORTUNE OF $250,000.

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—Martin F. Carney, a manufacturer's clerk on State street, has fallen heir to a large fortune of the late James N. McNamar of Toledo, O.

Under the provisions of the will made by Mr. McNamar, the control of the entire fortune of $250,000 goes to Mr. Carney.

When the will was offered for probate at Toledo, a few days ago, it caused a sensation.

The estate consists among other things of his business and equipment for the American district telegraph and fire alarm system.

The will provides that all property shall be held in trust by his wife for her use during her life only except the alarm system.

FOR CONSPIRACY

License Commissioners Placed on Trial

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 30.—The trial of Patrick P. Murphy and Joseph T. Lodge, former license commissioners of the city of Chicopee, charged with accepting bribes and conspiracy to extort bribes was begun in the superior court this afternoon. The principal witnesses against the defendants are A. M. Moore, a former hotel keeper, Adolph Pion and Alphonse Page, liquor dealers and Varnum Keith, all of Chicopee. The defendants are being tried on two indictments, one charging the taking of bribes of $150 each from Pion and Page and $200 from Moore in 1902 and $200 each from Pion and Page in 1903 and the soliciting of a bribe of $50 from Keith and the other indictment specifying conspiracy to extort bribes in all these cases.

COLORED GIRL

SUED WHITE MAN FOR BREACH OF PROMISE.

LISBON, Me., Dec. 30.—A breach of promise suit concerning two young people, residents of this town, will be heard at the next term of the Androscoggin supreme judicial court. The plaintiff is Eva May Howell, a colored girl, the step-daughter of "Prof." Baker, a banjo player, singer, whistler, etc. The defendant is Shirley T. McKenney, a white man. According to the records, the marriage certificate of young McKenney and Miss Howell was issued Nov. 16. Miss Howell gave her age as 21 and that of McKenney as 22. Young McKenney's parents refused to allow their son to marry, claiming that he was but 18 years old. So there was no wedding. Two weeks later Mr. McKenney married Gustie Estes of Durham. The marriage certificate was issued in Durham.

PROMINENT DELEGATES

ELECTED TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

PANAMA, Dec. 30.—Among those who have been elected to the constitutional convention, the most prominent are Dr. Amador, Pablo Arosemena, Domingo Coaldia, Belisario Porras and Luis Deroux.

News of importance has been received from the Isthmus of Darien. The Indians there are all in favor of the republic and have sent spies throughout the coast and into the interior. The government of Panama has furnished the Indians with guns and ammunition, thus making them very contented.

OUT FOR ROOSEVELT.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 30.—Representative republicans of Nebraska held a meeting today to organize a movement for the advancement of the candidacy of John L. Webster for the vice presidential nomination. Resolutions endorsing Roosevelt and Webster were unanimously adopted.

SAW TRIBAL FIGHTING.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Allen, of the American African gospel mission, sailed for New York today from Liverpool on the White Star line steamer Celtic, after four years work among the Nanakroos in Liberia. Prior to sailing from Liberia she witnessed severe tribal fighting between the allied inhabitants of the coast towns and bushmen. Mrs. Allen's mission house was the centre of the first conflict and the Nanakroo queen sought refuge there. During the fighting Mrs. Allen was not molested but she witnessed remarkable scenes of barbarism.

COPY OF TREATY

WILL BE SENT TO WASHINGTON BY MINISTER CONGER.

PEKIN, Dec. 30.—The Chinese government has promised United States Minister Conger to soon forward the Chinese copy of the treaty to Washington for the exchange of ratifications. It is necessary first to obtain the emperor's seal. After the treaty is ratified the opening of Mukden and Antung to the commerce of the world can be pressed.

LIBRARY FOR ACUSHNET.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Dec. 30—The town of Acushnet is in a fair way to have a public library if the conditions of an offer from Andrew Carnegie are such that the town can afford to support such an institution. The offer comes through Mrs. Charles W. Bartlett of Boston, formerly Miss Annie M. White of Acushnet, and the sister of the present town clerk, Alden White. Mrs. Bartlett has corresponded with Mr. Carnegie in regard to a library for the town.

SPOT COTTON.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30—Cotton spot closed quiet, 20 points lower; middling uplands 13.50, middling gulf 13.75. Sales, 400 bales.

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RUSSIA'S REPLY

No Time Limit Set for It

YOKOHAMA, Dec. 30.—At an extraordinary meeting of the privy council today the fact developed that no time limit had been set for Russia's reply to the last official note from the Japanese government. A strong opposition is now publicly manifested to the cabinet owing to the dilatory tactics they are pursuing.

The latest ordinance announced invests the commander of Formosa with full authority to act in case war is declared.

CARDINAL GIBBONS

COMMENTS ON LETTER OF POPE PIUS X.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 30.—Cardinal Gibbons, commenting today in an interview on the recent letter of Pope Pius X to Cardinal Respighi, expressing a desire for a reformation in church music in which he criticized certain music as an abuse of religion, expressed himself as follows:

"His holiness has referred to the extreme abuse through Italy and France. In some of the churches of those countries there is little suggestion of reverence and the ceremonies are given an operatic effect. It is this departure from the old custom that his holiness deplores and not necessarily the use of modern music.

"The music of the church in this country is in Gregorian chant, sweetened by fugued music. The Gregorian chant is the official music of the church, but fugued music within bounds is not condemned.

"In the 16th century, during the reign of Pope Pius IV, Palestrina effected a reform in church music by improving upon the Gregorian by means of fugued music. In this country there has been little abuse and we do not expect the pope's letter to effect a change in the church music of America."

CRUISER DETROIT

HAS BEEN ORDERED TO SANTO DOMINGO.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30—Cabling under date of today from Port of Spain to the navy department, Admiral Lamberton states that he has ordered the cruiser Detroit to Santo Domingo to relieve the Scorpion, which was ordered there yesterday.

BANK CASHIER DEAD.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 30.—Henry O. Smith, for 35 years cashier of the First National bank at Romeo, Mich., died today at the home of his son-in law, Rev. Reuben A. Beard in this city. He was 87 years of age. For ten years Mr. Smith lived in Nashua, N. H. In New Hampshire he acquired a reputation as a temperance orator.

PANAMA COMPANY MEETING.

PARIS, Dec. 30—Owing to the recent events at Panama the annual meeting of the Panama canal company, which began today, developed unusual interest and excitement. Prior to the opening efforts were made to secure enough proxies to overrule the existing management of the company which is favorable to the sale of the company's property to the United States. The hall of agriculture was crowded with officials, stockholders and prominent financiers. At the opening of the meeting the management submitted a report of the recent events on the Isthmus.

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Challenge Milk	3 cans 25c
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Best Corned Pork Ribs	7c a lb.
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Best Rump Butts	11c. a lb.
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FROM YESTERDAY'S LATE EDITIONS

BOGUS SOLICITOR

Arrested by Deputy Welch This Afternoon

Had Bogus Prospectus for Hotel Calendar in His Possession—His Chum Was Also Taken into Custody

With a prospectus under his arm, a cigarette in his mouth and wearing a confident smile, a young man giving the name Thomas Matthews was arrested by Deputy Supt. Welch this afternoon on suspicion of being connected with a bogus ad soliciting scheme. A little later Inspector John Walsh took Matthews' chum, John Kenney, into custody. The police are not positive that they can hold Kenney, but Matthews had the evidence of his guilt, a prospectus for a hotel calendar stamped "Richardson House," bogus receipts, signed and unsigned. The skeleton calendar showed that seven two-inch spaces had been sold, but the chances are that the schemer didn't succeed in collecting in advance on more than three of them.

The police were notified by Dr. C. Bret Poole with offices at 406 Middlesex street, and a Mr. White, that they had been visited by a young man whom they believed to be a bogus ad solicitor. They both engaged space on the calendar, and their suspicions were aroused when the solicitor asked for his money in advance.

Deputy Supt. Welch was on his way from dinner about 2 o'clock this afternoon and had his lamps trimmed and burning. He saw the two fellows in conversation near the Arlington hotel in Central street.

Matthews entered the hotel while Kenney crossed the street and stood on the curbing near Cook & Taylor's.

Without arousing the suspicion of either one, the deputy telephoned to the police station and summoned Inspector Walsh to his assistance.

The inspector arrived in double quick time and while the deputy looked out for Matthews, the inspector shook hands with Kenney. They were taken to police station and after a rigid cross-examination Matthews was taken to a cell and Kenney was detained in the inspector's office to await further investigation.

Kenney says that he has known the other fellow for more than five years, but did not know his name was Mathews. "I understood his name was Tom Roche," he said to the deputy. The police do not believe that either of the men gave their right names.

Matthews, the police allege, is also wanted for another calendar swindle. A young man answering his description has been doing business with storekeepers, especially those in St. Patrick's parish, representing that he had been delegated to solicit ads. for St. Patrick's church calendar. It is alleged that he sold space rapidly and in many instances received money in advance.

MAY WAS SICK

That's Why He Didn't Support His Wife

The case of Joseph E. May, charged with failing to provide proper and lawful support for his wife, was called in police court this forenoon and was continued to this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The complainant, Mrs. Blanche E. May, was not on hand in the forenoon but was present when the case was called at 2 o'clock. The complaint covered a period of about four months and the complainant said that during that time her husband had failed to contribute to her support. When the complainant and another witness had been heard the defendant, who was without counsel, was sworn. He said that he has been sick since October 25. He alleged that he had been under the doctor's care for weeks and said that if allowed to he could have the doctor appear in court and corroborate his story.

The doctor was sent for but the case had not been resumed up to the time of going to press.

MERRY PARTY

SLEIGH RIDE TO TYNGSBORO AND SUPPER IN LOWELL.

"Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way—"

So sang the guests of Mr. L. B. Challen, manager of the Lowell Trading association, on the way to and from Butterfield's at Tyngsboro, last evening. It was a sleigh ride party of the first water and Mr. Challen's guests were united in the opinion that he is a born entertainer as well as manager. The trip ended with a spread at Page's spa and the ride and the supper filled the evening with pleasure.

In the party were Mr. and Mrs. Challen, Mr. and Mrs. Robicheau, Miss Alma Nadeau, Miss Clara Nadeau, Miss A. Lapointe, Miss L. Roberge, Miss B. Brunelle, Mr. A. Brodeur and Albert Lavoie.

EDWARD A. MORRIS

CHOSEN PRESIDENT OF NORTH BILLERICA MATHEWS.

The Father Mathew T. A. society held an enthusiastic meeting at the Mathew hall in Lowell street, North Billerica, last evening. Four propositions for membership received. A committee of eight was appointed to conduct a whist tournament which begins next Thursday evening. Three prizes will be offered for the players scoring the highest number of points at the end of ten nights' play.

The following officers were elected: President, Edward A. Morris; vice-president, Neal H. Mahoney; recording secretary, Timothy McCarthy; financial secretary, Edward Riley; treasurer, Frederick Gannon; board of trustees, Carl Delehanty, John Hughes and John S. Welsh; board of examiners, Martin Conway, Jr., Wm. Halley and James Higgins; literary committee, Fred Corr, Owen Flynn and Thos. Twomey; spiritual director, Rev. Eugene Deroches, O. M. I.; marshal, James Burke.

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WILL PROSECUTE

Board of Health are After Butchers

WHO VIOLATE HEALTH LAWS

Will Engage Inspector of Provisions

The board of health at its regular meeting yesterday voted to prosecute the butcher from whose cart the health inspectors recently took four carcasses of "bob" veal. The agent was empowered to engage a butcher at the city's expense to make inspections from time to time, at least once a week during the present winter and next spring, and prosecute any violaters of the health laws in the meat markets of the city.

Mr. McGuinness, chairman of the board of plumber examiners, reported that the following have successfully passed the examination for journeyman plumbers: James Howard, 79 Andrews street; James McCarron, 216 High street; Walter H. Curtis, 64 Varnum avenue, Joseph J. Murphy, 92 South street.

It was voted that licenses be granted to the four young men.

Agent Knapp reported that the department would close the year without asking for an additional appropriation. He said that he would have about $25 to return on the office account and that of the $27,000 appropriated at the first of the year about eight cents would be returned to the general treasury fund.

It was voted on motion of Dr. Jackson that the Bertillon system of classifying death returns be adopted for the year 1904. Prior to the passage of this vote it was stated that physicians were becoming somewhat careless in their death reports and that such a system would put a stop to loose tactics in the future.

The board adjourned at 5.15 to meet again Saturday afternoon to finish up the department's business for the year.

FIRE MARSHAL'S AID

IS INVESTIGATING SEVERAL RECENT FIRES.

State Fire Marshal's Aid Casey has been in this city for several days past investigating mysterious fires which have occurred here during the past month. He has spent considerable time in looking into the Ribeault fire in Wilder street, where a barn was burned, and while he feels confident that the fire was set he has been unable to learn any further particulars in connection with it.

BIG VERDICT

FOR THE LOSS OF A HAND IN COTTON MILL.

Tuesday morning a verdict was returned by a jury in the session of superior civil court being held at Salem that is as high, if not the greatest that has ever been returned by a jury in a similar case in this county. The verdict was for $8500, and was given in the case of David A. Lynch against the Moses T. Stevens & Sons Manufacturing company of Andover and North Andover. The case was brought by Attorneys Eaton & Chandler of the Essex Bank building, to recover for the loss of the latter's hand in a picker machine while employed by the defendant company in the Maryland mill in Andover.

Mr. Lynch formerly resided on Morton street, Andover, and the accident occurred on Friday, December 6, 1901, two years ago. The case has been in the courts for some time and was finally assigned for trial last Monday. The trial of the case consumed the entire day. Judge Sherman presided.

The lawyers for the plaintiff were Eaton & Chandler, and the case as presented by Attorney Fred N. Chandler showed considerable preparation. They were highly complimented prior to any decision being reached. Ex-Congressman W. S. Knox represented the defendants. The plaintiff is now 18 years of age, when the accident occurred the boy was 16 years old and he had been employed in the card room of the Marland mill, previous to that time for almost two years.

He had been employed in the picker room only two weeks when the accident occurred and when the youth had his right hand torn into shreds.

NEEDLESS RUN

Chief Hosmer Heard Cars Were on Fire

Two of the companies at the central fire station had a needless run shortly before 8 o'clock last night. One of the engineers on a passenger train going into the Merrimack street station while bringing his train down the Dutton street track noticed smoke emerging from one of the freight trains on the siding.

As soon as his engine got back to the Middlesex street station the engineer notified one of the men around the station and the latter telephoned to Capt. Kew. Capt. Kew tried the central fire station and learning that Chief Hosmer was at home telephoned to the latter's residence, stating that a train of cars in Dutton street was on fire.

The chief in turn telephoned to the central fire station for two of the companies to go to the scene of the fire. The two companies hitched up as fast as possible and arriving found smoke issuing from one of the cars, but an investigation showed that it was the smoke from a stove which was placed in one of the potato cars to keep the potatoes from freezing.

HANDS INJURED

ACCIDENT IN TREMONT & SUFFOLK MILLS THIS MORNING.

Antonio Gonerei, a Greek, residing at 10 Gore street, was badly injured about the hands while at work in the Tremont & Suffolk mills this morning. He was taken to the corporation hospital in the ambulance.

BIG SNOWSLIDE

PEDESTRIANS HAD A NARROW ESCAPE.

Several pedestrians had a narrow escape from being badly hurt by a snowslide which fell from the roof of the building at the corner of Merrimack and John streets this afternoon. Two people were passing by and one was looking in Lawler's window when a large amount of snow started to slide from the roof and before any of the people were aware of it they were covered with snow. Luckily the slide was a small one, and outside of a little fright the people were unhurt.

STODDARD'S BOX

WAS FOUND TO CONTAIN ABOUT $75,000.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 30.—State Officer Hazlehurst of Norwich, Conn., today obtained possession of the contents of Abbott L. Stoddard's safety deposit box through a writ of replevin, and the assistance of a local officer and papers to the value of about $75,000 were removed and taken to Norwich. Stoddard was arrested here last week on charge of larceny of about $30,000 and was taken to Norwich. He escaped from the jail at that place yesterday.

The writ is returnable January 11.

MAN MISSING

NO TRACE OF NORTH ANDOVER YOUNG MAN.

LAWRENCE, Dec. 30.—The mysterious disappearance of James Daw, only son of Chairman P. P. Daw of the North Andover board of selectmen, is causing much excitement in that historic suburb.

The young man, who is in his nineteenth year, attended an entertainment in this city Saturday evening and as far as can be learned, has not been seen since about 11.10 o'clock that night, when he was in North Andover.

At first it was believed that he had gone out of town to visit relatives, and consequently his absence occasioned no alarm until Tuesday.

Communication with towns where it was supposed the missing young man might be visiting failed to locate his whereabouts, neither have any tidings been learned of him.

His home environments were of the pleasantest character, he is industrious and not given to roaming, and no plausible reason can be assigned for his strange and sudden disappearance.

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 30.—The American Kennel club of New York was incorporated here today. The directors are August Belmont of Hempstead, N. Y., Hollis Hunnewell of Wellesley, Mass., Hildreth K. Bloodgood, James W. Appleton, William G. Rockefeller of New York city, Marcel Viti of Philadelphia, Gouverneur M. Carnochan of Riverdale, N. Y., and William B. Emery of Boston.

AGED CURRIER DEAD.

WEYMOUTH, Mass., Dec. 30.—George E. Fairbanks, known throughout New England leather circles, died here today aged 79 years. He was a native of Scotland but for more than 50 years had been in business as a currier and leather bleacher in this country. He was a civil war veteran. A son and four daughters survive.

TO RESUME OPERATIONS.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 30.—Preparations are being made at the Duquesne plant of the Carnegie Steel company for the resumption on Jan. 1 of all the Open Hearth furnaces. There are 11 furnaces and the resumption will necessitate the operation of every mill in the plant.

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WANTS RECEIVER

Action Against the U. S. Steel Company

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 30.—The difficulties among the stockholders of the United States Steel Co. of Everett as to the conduct of the company's business resulted today in the filing of a petition for an injunction in a superior court asking that the company be restrained from disposing of any stock and also for the appointment of a receiver. The petition is filed by Adam M. Ross, Jr., and Lydie Ariel Ross, representing themselves and other stockholders. The appointment of a receiver is asked for on the ground that the company's affairs have been grossly mismanaged by its officers and directors and on the ground that the company is insolvent. They further ask for an injunction against the International Trust Co. of Boston to restrain it from disposing of any stocks or bonds in their possession by reason of a mortgage given by the United States Steel Co. of Everett. The petitioners also make complaint against President Charles S. Miller of the company and other officers.

PRIZES AWARDED.

The following awards have just been made by the judges in the Brownie picture contest conducted by the New England Optical Co., of this city and Manchester, N. H.:

Class A—Pictures taken and wholly finished by contestant. First prize, No. 2 Bull's-Eye Kodak, Mr. George W. Barker, Newton, Mass.; second prize, Brownie developing machine, Mary G. Richardson, Auburn, N. H.

Class B—Pictures taken by contestant, finished by professional photographer. First prize, No. 2 Flexo Kodak, Miss Ethel Chandler, Boston; second prize, $1 worth of supplies, Miss Maude A. Parham, Tyngsboro, Mass.

Pictures by the following Lowell people were commended by the judges as worthy of honorable mention:

Mr. Hiram Merrill, 2 Osgood street; G. S. Gray, 48 Wamesit street; Earle Bass, 21 Bellevue street; Arthur Boulanger, 54 Bridge street.

The judges were Mr. L. L. Roush, artist, New York city; C. B. Webster, Boston, photographer for Boston & Maine railroad, and Mr. Cummings and Mr. Fraprie of the Photo Era staff, Boston, Mass.

BARR ELECTED PRESIDENT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—At a meeting of the directors of the Seaboard Air-line today, J. Skelton Williams resigned the office of president of the company and Vice Pres. Barr was elected president and general manager. Mr. Williams was elected chairman of the board of directors.

WALL STREET GOSSIP.

WALL STREET, 10.10 a. m.—Trading was quite active in the opening dealings in the stock market and the changes were somewhat mixed, but with gains predominating. The changes were generally fractional and unimportant. There was, however, a drop of 1½ in Brooklyn Transit, a jump of 7½ in Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis, a rise of a point in Pacific Mail and of ⅝ in Amalgamated Copper on running sales of 2700 shares.

11 a.m.—Yesterday's buyers among the board room operators turned sellers to realize their profits and the market weakened decidedly. Southern Pacific, Amalgamated and United States Steel pfd., were let go with more freedom than any other stocks and their heaviness was soon communicated to the general list. Except for the comparatively inactive stocks fluctuation was confined to sharp declines and the market steadied. Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis gained 10 in all and fell back 3½. American Express moved up five and St. Paul pfd. and Anaconda 2. Among the losses were Westinghouse Electric 3½ and General Electric, Brooklyn Union Gas, Consolidated Gas, Metropolitan Street Railway, Northwestern and Rock Island a point or more.

Noon—Stocks continued to be freely offered under the influence of the firm 7 per cent. call money rate. Declines ran to a point or more in Pennsylvania New York Central, Missouri Pacific, Kansas and Texas pfd., United States Steel pfd., and People's Gas. Westinghouse Electric lost 5, Metropolitan securities 3⅝, General Electric, 3; Brooklyn Transit, 2¼; Kansas City Southern pfd., Realty pfd., and Delaware & Hudson 2, and Metropolitan Street Railway 1¼. Chattanooga and St. Louis reacted 5½. There was a rise of 3¾ in Lead pfd., and of about a point in New York, Chicago & St. Louis second pfd., and St. Joseph and Grand Island first pfd.

Bonds were easy.

1 p. m.—Additional losses running to a point were made by Baltimore & Ohio, Reading, Southern Pacific and Tennessee Coal before an easing up in the money rate became effective, in checking the selling. But little recovery, however, was made by the specialties and western stocks and the general market became quite dull after hardening a small fraction. Colorado Fuel declined 2.

2 p. m.—The market became very feverish and rallied suddenly and rather violently. Union and Southern Pacific and Amalgamated were carried to a fraction over last night. Prices reacted and the market became dull. Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis relapsed 2½ under last night. Realty pfd. rose a point over last night and as suddenly reacted 1½.

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TO OUST TRAMPS

New State Office May be Created

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—It is understood that a bill will be introduced in the approaching session of the state legislature, asking for the creation of the office of state police supervisor, whose duty it will be to do all possible to clear the state of tramps and vagrants. The decision to present this measure is the result of public agitation arising from the large number of crimes recently committed in Massachusetts and from the discovery of the fact that the state has been infested with homeless and begging men. It is designed that the tramp class of criminal will be studied thoroughly with the end in view that specific crimes may be frustrated.

STRIKERS RESTRAINED.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 30.—Judge Carter of the superior court today issued a temporary injunction against striking employes of the Indianapolis Foundry Co., restraining them from interfering in any way with the operation of the plant. In doing so the court quoted the words of John Mitchell of the United Mine Workers against lawlessness, that no good union man will ever be a law breaker, as advice for the guidance of the union molders.

DECLARED DIVIDEND.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The directors of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railway today declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1¾ per cent.

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BOSTON & MAINE R. R.

Corrected to October 12, 1903. Trains leave Merrimack street depot, Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.43, 6.22, x6.42, *7.45, *8.50, *9.40, 11.00 a. m.; 1.40, 4.25, x5.14 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.45 a. m.

Trains leave Middlesex street station, Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.46, 6.28, *6.29, x6.45, w6.59, 7.01, *7.24, 7.38, *7.48, w*8.00, *8.57, w9.25, *9.50, w10.50, 11.05, *11.13 a. m.; w12.05, 12.11, w12.45, 1.41, *1.56, w2.30, x3.02, w*3.10, *3.47, w3.55, 4.28, w5.06, 5.22, x5.40, w*6.15, *6.22, w7.00, 7.20, w9.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, 6.30, 7.24, w8.15, 8.48, 9.20 a. m.; w12.05, w4.15, 4.25, 5.30, 5.58, w7.00 p. m.

For Lawrence, 6.28, w6.50, z7.31, w8.30, w9.25, w10.50 a. m.; w12.05, 1.25, w2.30, w3.55, w5.06, w6.15, w7.00, w9.25, wq11.25 p. m. Sundays, w8.15 a. m.; w12.05, w5.30 p. m.

For Salem, Mass., 7.31 a. m.; w12.05, 1.28, a2.30, a3.55, w5.06, 5.28 p. m.

For Haverhill, 6.28, 6.50, z7.31, 8.30, 9.25, 10.50 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, w3.55, w6.06, 6.15, 7.00, 9.25, q11.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.15 a. m.; 12.06, 5.30 p. m.

For Newburyport, Amesbury and Portsmouth, 6.28 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.55, 6.15 p. m.

For Exeter and Dover, 6.28, 6.50, z7.31, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.55, 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Rochester and Alton Bay, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.55 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Somersworth, N. H., Saco, Old Orchard and Portland, 6.28, 6.50, z7.31, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.55 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Augusta, Bath, Waterville, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Lewiston, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 5.06 p. m.

For Skowhegan, 8.30 a. m.

For Bangor, Belfast and Rockland, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For St. John, N. B., Halifax, N. S., 5.06 p. m. (5.06 does not run Saturdays.) SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Eastport and St. John (via steamer from Portland,) on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 12.05 p. m.

For Castine, Deer Isle, Sedgwick, Bar Harbor, Jonesport, Machiasport (via steamer Frank Jones from Portland,) Tuesday and Friday at 5.06 p. m.

Last trip of season Oct. 30, 1903.

For Woburn, 6.28, 7.01, *7.48, 11.05 a. m.; 1.41, 4.28 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.48 a. m.; 4.25, 5.58 p. m.

For Ayer Junction, Stations on W. N. & P. and Fitchburg divisions, 7.07, 11.55 a. m.; 5.01 and 5.42 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2.15 p. m.

For Stations on W. N. & P. division, Nashua to Portland, Me., 9.03 a. m.; (3.30 p. m. to Rochester only.)

For Amherst, Milford and Wilton, 9.03 a. m.; 1.00, 3.40, 5.31 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2 p. m.

For Greenfield, Peterboro, Bennington, Hillsboro and Keene, 9.03 a. m.; 3.40 p. m. SUNDAYS, to Hillsboro, 2 p. m.

For Nashua, Manchester and Concord, 7.30, 9.03, 9.29, *10.39 a. m.; *12.09, 1.00, *1.31, 3.40, *5.30, 6.27, *8.10, *9.10 p. m. SUNDAYS, 10.02 a. m.; 2.00, 6.02, *8.10, *9.10 p. m.

For Franklin, Lebanon, White River Junction, 7.30, *9.29 a. m.; *12.09, *1.29 (to Franklin only) 5.30, *8.10 p. m.

For Warner, Bradford, Sunapee, Newport, (N. H.,) Claremont and Claremont Junction, 7.30 a. m.; 1.29 p. m.

For Stations on White Mt. Division, 9.29, *10.39 a. m.; 1.29 p. m. (5.30 p. m. to Plymouth;) *9.10, 3.24 p. m.

For St. Johnsbury and Lyndonville, via Wells River, *10.39 a. m.; *1.39, *9.10 p. m.

For Montpelier, Essex Junction, Burlington, St. Albans, St. Johns and Montreal via Central Vermont line, *9.29 a. m.; *12.09, *9.10 p. m.

For Montreal and Quebec, via Montreal and Boston Air line, *10.39 a. m.; *9.10 p. m.

QUEBEC EXPRESS, via Plymouth and Sherbrooke, *10.39 a. m.; *9.10 p. m. (daily except Saturdays.

References:
aVia Wakefield Junction.
*Express. †Daily.
qWednesdays and Saturdays only.
wVia Western Division.
xVia Bedford, zVia Wilmington Junc.

D. J. FLANDERS, Gen. Pass. and Ticket Agent.
H. C. TAFT, General Agent, Lowell.

SPECIAL NOTICES

ALL pigeon fanciers interested in the organizing of a Homing club will please meet at the residence of Joseph Dyer, East Chelmsford, Sunday, Jan. 3, 1904, at 3 p. m.

THE FOLLOWING SAYS: That you can get a Doll Carriage, a Go-Cart or a handsome Doll with a pound of Tea or a two pounds of Coffee at Dickson's Tea Store, 68 Merrimack street.

THE SUN IN BOSTON—The two o'clock and five o'clock editions of The Sun are on sale every day at both newsstands in the Union station, Boston.

LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To all persons interested in the estate of Jane M. Charters, late of Lowell, in said county, deceased:

Whereas, Georgiella Ritchie, executrix of the will of John P. Ritchie, who was the executor of the will of said deceased has presented for allowance the first and final account of said John P. Ritchie's administration upon the estate of said deceased.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate court to be held at Cambridge, in said county, on the fifth day of January, A. D. 1904 at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said Georgiella Ritchie is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day at least before said court, and by mailing, postpaid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, first Judge of said court, this sixteenth day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and three,

S. H. FOLSOM, Register.

HELP WANTED

WANTED—Table girl, 98 John street.

WANTED—Experienced solicitors to represent a reliable tea company to sell high grade tea, coffee, baking powder and soap; only those that have had experience and can furnish the best of references need apply; by mail. Alex Goldstein, 476 Merrimack street.

WANTED—Capable woman, Catholic preferred, as housekeeper in small family. Address W., Sun office.

WANTED—Machinist, one used to cotton machinery preferred. Apply to Hamilton Woolen Co., Amesbury, Mass.

WANTED—Barber at once. Apply Gorham street.

WANTED—Experienced Wauklienhose knitters; steady work. Apply W. H. Howard, manager, Gee building, 146 Fletcher street, Lowell.

WANTED—A woman to do light housework for a working family. 31 Union St.

WANTED—Girl to work in bakery. Apply 791 Central street, Wilcox's.

WANTED—Man used to wood business. Apply 41 Meade street, evenings.

WANTED—Girl to do general housework. 163 Market street.

WANTED—A housegirl. Mrs. Ames, 153 Pleasant street, Navy Yard.

RULER WANTED—A steady, reliable, first class paper ruler can have a life position in a Massachusetts coast city. Bank and corporation work. Man with family preferred. Address box 15, Lowell Sun office.

WANTED—A first class collector; state experience, age and salary expected. Address box 20, Sun office.

WANTED—Table girl at Mrs. Coughlin's, 71 Suffolk street.

ANY BUSINESS can be improved by advertising it in this column.

WANTED

SAVE 30 PER CENT. Buy your butter at the Elwood Tea Co; we get it fresh every week from Vermont creamery; also we have received a large lot of remnants of linen towels which we will offer cheap. The Elwood Tea and Coffee Co., Davis Sq.

A. O. U. W.—This is important; send your name, age and address to P. O. box 460, Lowell, Mass.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—White bull dog, brown spot on back, brown on ear; no name on collar. Return 22 Jewett street or 6 West Burnside street. Reward.

FOUND—Horse blanket. Owner may have by proving property, paying adv. 78 Fayette street.

LOST—Lady's fur boa at Lowell Junction Sunday at 6.15 p. m. Reward at 33 Phillips street. Tel. 962-3.

LOST—A sum of money Sunday between Chestnut street and St. Anne's church. Return to this office and receive reward.

MONEY TO LOAN

PAWNBROKER—Money to loan; money loaned on all valuable articles, clothing; rates reasonable. A. Stein, 313 Middlesex street, Lowell, Mass.

MONEY TO LOAN on furniture, pianos and all personal property. Private office. (Strictly confidential.) Room 5, Swan building, 26 Central street.

MONEY ON CREDIT without security. Boarding houses, retail merchants and salaried people; easy payments; lowest rates in the city. Merrimack Loan Co., 25 Associate building.

MONEY TO LOAN salaried people, retail merchants, teamsters, boarding houses, without security; easy payments; largest business in 42 principal cities. Tolman, Room 26, Associate building.

MONEY TO LOAN at short notice on furniture, pianos, etc. Leases paid off and more money advanced. All business strictly confidential. Address W. E. Leinhas, room 9, Barristers hall.

BUSINESS CHANCES

GREAT opportunity offered; $100 for $50, $30 for $15. For particulars write American Oil & Coal Co., Seattle, Wash.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Cheap, on easy terms, the homestead of the late Samuel Greenwood, corner of Hale and Railroad streets, containing 8500 feet of land; well built cottage house in the best of repair; furnace heat, large barn and carriage house, room to put up a large block which would rent at a good profit; also an eight-room cottage house corner of Fay and Potter streets. Inquire at Greenwood Bros., china store, 241 Central street.

E. H. WHITE

Successor to Fish & Plummer

137 CENTRAL STREET

Our Motto, "Honest Representation, Fair Dealings, Justice to the Owner, Satisfaction to the Buyer."

$1100 buys a pretty little farm of 22 acres. Boston & Northern electrics pass the door. Farm borders on the Merrimack river. A bargain.

$250 buys a well stocked fruit and confectionery store on one of the leading business streets. Good stock and trade. Splendid stand.

$20 buys a nice Cigar and Tobacco Store on a busy street.

$1100 buys a 30-acre farm on line of electrics, 5 cent fare, extra nice set of buildings, rich land. Trout pond on farm. Near steam cars.

$600 buys a beautiful residence in the Highlands, select neighborhood.

$25 per month pays the rent of an elegant residence on Hover street. Set tubs, bath, furnace heat, fruit trees, select neighborhood.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—A square piano, price very low, as owner is leaving town. Inquire Sun office.

FOR SALE—Handsome upright piano, but little used; leaving town; will sell for $125. C. A., Sun office.

FOR SALE—A blacksmith shop, tools and business; good tenant; stable; on very easy terms. Inquire of Postmaster, South Billerica.

SLEIGH FOR SALE—A second-hand driving sleigh, cheap. Inquire at Goyette's paint shop, 286 Thorndike street.

FOR SALE—Horse and team, value $300, may be had for $175; private family preferred. Apply Sun office.

FOR SALE—Wood in large or small lots at the lowest possible prices. P. Cogger, 438 Riverside street. Telephone 452-2.

PUPS for sale at Mr. Lynch's, next house to Foster school, Tewksbury Centre.

FOR SALE—Carrots for horses by the barrel. C. H. Cutter, 694 Mammoth road, Dracut. Telephone connection.

FOR SALE—Restaurant doing a good business, a good investment; ill health the cause for wishing to sell. Call at 60 Gorham street.

FOR SALE—A variety store situated in a good business neighborhood, established trade of seven years; an exceptionally fine place for one who dressmakes; poor health of owner reason for selling. For all particulars, terms, etc., inquire of E. H. Donovan, room 1, Swan block, 26 Central street. It may be your opportunity.

RUBBER STAMPS at wholesale prices; 1-in. one line stamps 15c.; 1½ in., 20c; 35c ink pads, 25c; 25c ink pads, 15c; 50c linen markers 25c; business stamps, 15c per line. J. M. Fellows, 158 Merrimack street.

MISCELLANEOUS

MISS UPTON, clairvoyant, card reader, business medium. 81 Merrimack street.

TELEGRAPHY—A new class will open Jan. 1st. Anyone desiring to enter this class should apply to H. L. Whitton, 530 Gorham street.

HIGHLAND REMNANT STORE, 30 Pine street—We are showing a fine line of mercerized vestings, wash silks, Ottomans, Eddy silks, mercerized cheviots, basket goods, Barnaby ginghams for shirts, waists and suits; no finer line in the city and priced below all reason; there is nothing that will make any better Christmas present than a nice shirt waist; all colors guaranteed and patterns up to date; in fact, everything is the latest.

WOOD GIVEN AWAY—2½ miles out. Apply to depot master, Wamesit station. Must be cut and taken away at once.

MRS. ADAMS, clairvoyant and card reader and ladies' employment office. 355 Gorham street, opp. Court house.

W. S. WONG HO, 31 John street—All kinds of teas, children's toys, silks, China ware and fancy goods; low prices.

MADAME LENORE, clairvoyant and card reader, 71 Tyler street. Ladies 25c, gentlemen 50c. Hours 10 a. m. to 12 and 2 to 10 p. m.

DRESS GOODS REMNANTS, cheap, from the Merrimack woolen mills. Corner store, Lakeview avenue and Pleasant street, Navy Yard.

$5 GIVEN AWAY—$5 worth of trading stamps given away with 1 lb. of our best Baking Powder at 50c; $5 worth with one pound of any kind of our 50c or 60c Tea; $2 worth with one pound of our famous 35c Coffee; this tea and coffee is worthy of attention; they are the best ever offered for the money. The Elwood Tea & Coffee Co., 337 Thorndike street, Davis square.

HORSEMEN, ATTENTION—We are now prepared to shoe your horses in the most satisfactory and scientific manner, especially horses lamed by incorrect shoeing, at the reasonable low price of 4 new shoes for $1.00; we also keep in stock a line of hand-made shoes turned by L. J. Padden at the FairGrounds shoeing forge, 1051 Gorham street, Lowell, Mass.

PIANO OR ORGAN LESSONS at your home; special pains taken with children or advanced pupils; will accompany any instrument for entertainments; years of experience. Mabel Randall, Chelmsford Centre.

STOVES—New and secondhand, bought, sold and exchanged. Reliable Furniture Co., 165 Middlesex street.

LIMBERG—Chimney expert; chimneys swept and repaired. Residence 1128 Bridge street. Telephone.

MUSIC—German zither music furnished at reasonable rates for concerts, dinner parties, church entertainments and home socials. John C. Hansen, Bon Marche studio.

IF YOU WANT your mattresses made over at your home call at 940 Central St.

BUY YOUR HAT at Delorme's, where you can have it cleaned free of charge for one year. Repairing a specialty. 281 Middlesex street.

SAVE MONEY by buying your wall papers and having your paperhanging done at D. Baker & Co's, 150 Gorham St. We will paper your room with gilt paper for $2. Good workmanship guaranteed; send postal, will call with samples.

NEW AND SECOND HAND FURNITURE bought and sold; also furniture moving done in a careful manner; always big bargains at our store. McGauvran Bros., Merrimack street, opp. City hall.

LADIES—Dr. LaFranco's Compound gives positive relief; powerful combination; used by 20,000 women; price 25 cents; druggists or by mail. Address LaFranco & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

MOTHERS—Bent's Destroyer kills lice on children and all insects; cures dandruff and itching scalp, prevents falling hair; harmless, 25c. Only at Falls & Burkinshaw's, 418 Middlesex street.

TO LET

TO LET—In the Highlands, 42 Bar street, off Bellevue street, a five-room flat, hot and cold water, bath. Apply at office of Bon Marche or after 6 p. m. at 38 Hurit street.

FOR RENT—In the Highlands, an upstairs flat of five rooms with bath. 178 Stevens street, near corner of Westford. Rent $11.

TO LET—Steam heated rooms, gas and bath. Wellman house, Centralville, 15 W 4th street.

TO LET—Middlesex street, 3 rooms, $6.50; Middlesex street, 3 rooms, $7; Middlesex street, 3 rooms, $7.50; close to Northern depot, 4 rooms, $8.50; Centralville, handy to mills, 3 rooms, $5.50; 5 rooms, $6.50; 5 rooms, $7.50; Concord street, 3 rooms, $6.50; house and barn and 3 acres of land on Hildreth street, $12.50; Chelmsford street, cottage and barn, $8. The above has been made extra snug and warm for the winter. T. H. Elliott, 61 Central St.

TO LET—At 108 Butterfield street, furnished room with steam heat, bath and gas; lady preferred; $1.50 per week.

TO RENT—Convenient 4-room tenement for small family. G. P. Walker, 964 Middlesex street.

TO LET—One 4-room and one 3-room tenement. Inquire at 81 Chestnut street.

TO LET—Small tenements, 634 Broadway; rent low.

TO LET—Blacksmith shop fully equipped ready for business. Apply at 335 Lincoln street.

TO LET—Tenement of 5 rooms with or without barn. 15 Lombard street.

TO LET—A desirable house on South Canton street, all modern improvements, steam heat. Inquire at 502 Middlesex St.

TENEMENTS in all parts of the city at all prices; we have several that will make extra warm, sunny homes for the winter. T. H. Elliott, 61 Central street.

TO LET—5, 6, 7-room tenements in good repair. 161 Lawrence street.

SITUATIONS WANTED

EXPERIENCED LADY desires position in restaurant or bakery. Address Mamie King, G. D., Lowell, Mass.

SITUATION WANTED by respectable young lady to do general housework. Address A 21, Sun office.

WANTED—Situation by lady to do light housework; does not object to children. Call 18 Branch street.

THE LOWELL SUN

THREE EDITIONS DAILY.

SUN BUILDING, MERRIMACK SQUARE, LOWELL, MASS.

JOHN H. HARRINGTON, PROPRIETOR.

Member of the Associated Press.

Three Dollars per Year. Twenty-five Cents per Month

☞The Sun receives the full day service of The Associated Press, the greatest news-gathering organization in the world. The entire service received over a leased wire, by our own operator in our own office in The Sun building.

SWORN CIRCULATION FOR NOVEMBER

The sworn daily average circulation of the Lowell Sun for the month of November, 1903, was **14,546** A gain of 1039 copies per day over the average for the year of 1902.

Sworn to by Martin H. Reidy, business manager, and Alfred Pilotte, pressman of The Sun, before me, December 1, 1903.

JOHN J. HOGAN, Notary Public.

☞This is a larger circulation than the combined circulation of all the other daily papers in Lowell.

☞An advertisement placed in The Sun is of more value to the advertiser than if it were inserted in all the other newspapers in Lowell, and the cost of inserting it in The Sun is about ONE THIRD the price charged by the other papers.

Get ready to swear off on all those bad habits.

A RISE IN REAL ESTATE VALUES EXPECTED.

Few subjects are of more interest to property owners at the present time than the value of real estate.

For five years past the value of real property in Lowell has been declining and now the best judges including the assessors are of the opinion that the lowest point has been reached and that during the coming year the tendency will be upward.

The causes of the depreciation of real estate are various and radical. One very positive cause is the decreased demand for tenements. An investigation might show that this was due to a period of dull business in which there was little to attract outsiders to Lowell as a centre of population.

Another cause of depreciation in tenement property is the influx of a certain element which, while adding to our population, did not add correspondingly to the volume of business or the demand for dwellings.

They congregated mainly in large blocks but scattered along certain streets, overcrowding the houses with the result that values if not rents dropped alarmingly.

These people dwell in colonies rather than in families and this explains the deterioration of property that results. Being mostly of the male sex, they do not seem to have any idea of establishing permanent homes.

This is a problem that should engage the attention not only of property owners but of the board of health as calculated to spread disease.

Another cause for the depreciation of real estate is the high tax-rate, the result of extravagance at city hall. With the high tax-rate few people care to hold vacant land if they can get rid of it to advantage; while the higher cost of building materials and the reduced demand for tenement and business places, have discouraged building operations to a great extent.

Things in this line have been so dull during the past two years that a business and a building revival are anticipated next year. A good administration at city hall, an enterprising spirit among our business men and continued prosperity among our local industries will go far to bring about the desired change and to send the value of real estate back to what it was some five or ten years ago.

THE ORIENTAL WAR AND ITS POSSIBILITIES.

To the people of this country it might seem of but little importance as to whether war breaks out between Russia and Japan, but of late the commerce of every great power is so dovetailed with the commerce of every other, that no warlike disturbance can prevail in one country without seriously affecting the commercial interests of all the others.

Hence the announcement that war between Japan and Russia is now inevitable causes the people of the United States to pause and inquire what is the real bone of contention.

A superficial view of the situation would indicate that Japan is the aggressor and that she is forcing the war upon Russia while the latter is strongly in favor of peace. But this is not the correct view of the case.

The fact is that for many years Russia has been pushing her frontier eastward. She has been looking for a coast line that would enable her to use a fleet to advantage.

For a long time she looked with covetous eye upon India, the granary of England; but that was too well guarded not only by British troops on land but by a formidable British navy so that here Russian territorial designs were thwarted and as a result Russia turned her attention to Manchuria and the coast line on the east of the Asiatic continent.

In spite of the protests of the other great powers, Russia constructed a trans-continental railroad through Siberia and to make that great enterprise a success, she must have Manchuria, she must have an ice free terminal on the eastern coast.

It is very plain, therefore, that in spite of all protests Russia has no intention of relinquishing her hold upon Manchuria. Not only that, she wants a continuous coast line from Port Arthur to Vladivostok, but Corea lies between these two points and the natural outcome of Russia's advance along the coast would be to absorb Corea.

This is the very thing that Japan is determined to prevent, because if Russia succeeded in establishing her sway on the eastern coast and over Corea she would soon be in a position not only to seize more Chinese territory but to cripple the commerce and power of Japan. Thus it appears that while Russia does not want war she in reality is the aggressor. It is natural that she would prefer to be allowed to seize new territory unmolested, but judging from the present outlook she will have to conquer Japan before she goes one step farther.

Is Russia able to conquer Japan? If the battles were to be fought on Russian territory not far from Moscow or even at the Crimea, Russia would make short work of the doughty little insular empire of the Orient; but Japan has a navy that so far as discipline and equipment are concerned is far superior to that of Russia. The Japanese admirals are men of great skill and tactical ability. They have made great advances in the art of naval warfare since they whipped China and hence the Japanese fleet is probably able to cope with any other second rate fleet of equal size in the world.

The Russian fleet is reported to be in poor condition, while the admirals and crews are undisciplined and inexperienced. There is slight probability that they can successfully meet the Japanese fleet. But Russia must labor under another handicap in conducting a war so far from her base of supplies. It requires sixteen days to cross the continent by the Siberian railroad and what is worst of all Russia has no supply of coal nearer than the Ural mountains. For this reason she would be almost as badly off in conducting a war with Japan as England was in conducting a war in South Africa. The English fleet could land supplies in South Africa in a shorter time than it will take Russia to transport supplies by the trans-continental railroad.

It is very plain, therefore, that in a war with Japan, Russia will not have things entirely as she wishes. China will aid Japan and England will also help her by sending ammunition and supplies and by permitting Japanese merchant vessels to register under the British flag.

France on the other hand is in sympathy with Russia, but it is doubtful if she will do much or if she can do much without violating the neutrality laws.

As for the United States she will have a squadron near the scene of hostilities to protect American interests and to preserve the open door of commerce.

The war would increase the price of commodities imported from the Orient while it would probably create a demand for certain kinds of American goods required by the belligerents during the progress of hostilities. There is very little chance that it will involve other powers. England can hardly be forced into another conflict at the present time and there is nothing at stake that would make it an object for France to join Russia in a fight for the possession of new territory to which she has no just claim.

For our own part we surmise that Russia will cease to push her claims in the east and thus temporarily at least avert a war with Japan. The latter is as anxious to fight, however, as the former is reluctant, so that it will require quick and effective diplomatic work to clear the atmosphere and prevent an outbreak.

SEEN AND HEARD

There is no "snap" in a cold snap; it bites the just as well as the unjust.

Speaking of wrestling, the city fathers will have a championship wrestle with the finances in 1904 to keep the tax rate down.

The county of Middlesex is so poor that it couldn't afford to give the inmates at the Lowell jail a turkey dinner on Christmas day.

The Sun's crusade against street car advertisements deserves success, for many of these advertisements would not be tolerated in homes. If the advertisements cannot be wholly eliminated a censor should be appointed to cut out the doubtful and objectionable ones.

CRACKERS A LUXURY.

If the story I heard the other day is true, there's rum as well as whiskey for sale in Lowell. The fellow who told it was a very honest looking individual and the story was jokingly told. "There were six of us," he said, "about three weeks ago and we were about on our uppers. We pooled our issues and found we had 60 cents. So far as room and fire and one thing or another was concerned, we were well enough off, but we were hungry and agreed that it would be better to delegate one man to spend the 60 cents than it would be for all of us to go out. We decided that one man would be more judicious and we picked on the man who was forever talking economy. His name was Johnson and we all believed him to be a downright honest fellow and a good manager. Johnson took the money and despite our confidence in him our last words to him were "remember we can do without luxuries." Johnson returned in less than twenty minutes and we were tickled to death to see him. We had reason to suppose that we had made a wise move when we appointed him, but we changed our minds. Johnson after advancing and giving the countersign, produced a pint bottle, filled with rum, and a dozen crackers. 'Comrades,' he said, drawing himself up to his full height, and he was a pretty tall fellow, 'I owe you an apology. You told me to bring only the necessaries, but I couldn't resist the temptation to buy a few crackers.'"

SERGT. SHEA'S STORY.

John Shea, better known as Sergt. Shea, called at the police station Wednesday evening. John called of his own accord—he was visiting. While there an officer asked him to tell the story of the man whose son was a basketball player.

"That was funny," laughed John. "I had known Mr. M—— for quite a number of years and one day, just as I stepped from a little store in Market street with a basket in my hand, he approached me and said: 'Well, Mr. Shea, you're a very nice man. I have known you for a long while and I think a great deal of you.'

"I thanked him kindly for his very pleasing expressions and returned the compliment. I was about to take leave of him when he touched me on the arm and looking me straight in the eye, said to me, 'But there's one thing I can say that you haven't to say. I have a boy that's a basketball player. None of your boys are basketball players.'

"'No,' I said, 'none of my boys are basketball players, but I have boys that go out and fight for their country.' I was good natured about it and gave him the glad hand when we parted. I had gone about two steps when I received a punch in the rear of my left ear that made me see stars. As soon as I had collected my scattered senses I dropped the basket, but when I did the man, who had a son who played basketball, ran away. All the consolation I had was in the thought that if his boy didn't have more pluck than his old man he'd make a mighty poor soldier. That's the story, so now give me a match," said John, and lighting his woodstock he strolled away.

MINSTREL SHOW

AT THE HIGHLAND CLUB TONIGHT.

There is to be an enjoyable gathering at the Highland club this evening, when a capital minstrel entertainment is to take place. The program arranged is one that promises to be of a very high order and as great attention has been paid to rehearsals there is every reason to anticipate that nothing will be wanting in its execution. From half past 9 until 1 o'clock dancing will be indulged in to the strains of a good orchestra. A general good time is expected, and the committee in charge are determined that no efforts shall be lacking on their part for the new year to be ushered with a heartiness that will long remain green in the memory of those who attend.

JULIA RICKS INSANE.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 31.—Miss Julia Ricks, who some time ago created a sensation in New York by demanding a large sum of money from Mrs. May Harrington Stello, the former wife of Dan R. Hanna, was yesterday adjudged insane by Acting Judge Schwab, and committed to the state asylum for the insane at Newburg.

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SOME CYCLE NEWS

Items of Interest About The Racers

"Major" Taylor, the colored whirlwind from Worcester, who has had more to contend with than any other rider on the track, owing to his color, is now living on the sunny side of Easy street and whenever he wishes to retire he can do so and live in style and comfort. During the past eight years the colored fellow has stored away $80,000, and is with probably one exception, the richest rider on the cycle track. He is the most prominent sprint rider in the world today.

The story of his career is well known. It is now three years since he went to Europe to race Jacquelin for the championship of the world, which he won. He traveled all over the old country in 1901, meeting all comers and was only beaten once.

In 1902 he went to Europe and was very successful, his winnings being about $20,000. While there he signed a contract to go back again for this year with a guarantee of $10,000 to start riding in July in Paris.

Last January Taylor went to Australia and before he started he received $5000 from a syndicate of promoters and a guarantee of $7500. In Australia he made a big hit. He left there the last of May to fill his engagement in Paris.

Taylor returned home the first of last October and was going to settle down and retire from the cycle game, but he again received an offer from Australia with a guarantee of $7500.

He cabled back, saying it was not enough money, but he would go for $8500. The offer was accepted and Taylor started from Worcester last month, taking with him his wife and father.

It is said that he has cleaned up in the last eight years about $80,000 in the cycle game.

Frank A. Gately, the well known motor expert, who was badly injured on last Decoration Day at Charles River park, when Harry Elkes was killed, has made out the following list which shows what some of the old-timers are doing:

Paul Bourillon, champion sprint rider of the world in 1897, is making a great success in Europe as an opera singer.

Jimmy Warburton (son of "Choppy," the man who brought out Michael), who was a pacemaker on the National track team at Charles River park in 1898, went to South Africa during the Boer war and was wounded at Ladysmith. He is now a prosperous hardware dealer in Johannesburg.

Charles W. Ridgeway of London, amateur middle distance champion of 1896, is with the Banker Brothers, selling automobiles. He expects to run an 80-horse-power car in the 1904 Gordon-Bennett cup race in Germany.

J. W. Stocks of Hull, England, champion high bicycle rider in 1888, and middle distance champion of Europe in 1896 and 1899, is in the automobile business in London.

Tom Linton is running a hotel in Paris, and is doing well.

Frank (Dutch) Waller is working in a cafe in London.

Eddie Bald is a bookmaker.

Tom Cooper is making automobiles in the west.

Barney Oldfield is racing automobiles.

Austin Crook is working for the Edison company in New York city.

Bob Miller is driving automobiles in St. Paul.

Al Newhouse and Bill Sherer are in the automobile business in New York.

Bill Tenzler is working for a private family as chauffeur.

Dudley Marks is in Boston with a manufacturing concern.

Orlando Stevens is in the fruit business in Oakland, Cal.

Howard Freeman is an artist for a newspaper in Newark, N. J.

Fred St. Onge is on the vaudeville stage doing a tramp bicycle act.

Pete Berlo is building motors in Boston.

Frank Butler has got a chicken farm up the state.

Harvey Hutchins is a dentist in this city.

The Clark boys are in the plumbing business in Boston.

A. A. Zimmerman is running a hotel in Freehold, N. J.

Tom Lynch is running an automobile station in California.

Baby Gibson is running a hat store in St. Louis.

Frank Mayo is working as a paper cutter in Boston.

Eddie McDuffie is running a touring car for a private family in New York.

Louis Mettling is in the west doing a bicycle act with Billy Bean of Cambridge. They will leave for Europe in March.

The Bicycling World of New York in commenting on some of the interesting incidents and comments on the six-day race that did not form part of the news, has the following in regard to Keegan and Moran:

The "Irish team"—Moran and Keegan—came in for a great deal of sympathy. They were penalized a lap as a result of the retirement of their respective partners, McLean and Turville, and, strive as they would, were not able to win it back. When, on Saturday evening, it was announced that they would be called from the track five minutes before the finish, there were cries of "Give them a chance!" from the galleries, and only the announcement that the rule making this necessary had been in force four successive years availed to still them.

There was considerable friction developed between the two men, although it never came to an open rupture. Keegan was wild to force the fighting all along the line in order to regain the lap. "Do or die" was his motto, meaning that he favored perpetual hammering away until a weak spot was found and a gain made. If they killed themselves in the attempt—figuratively speaking, of course—and failed, they were no worse off, as the best they could do was get eighth money, while if they wore out two or three of the weaker teams it would be so much clear gain.

Moran, however, held that tactics of this kind were useless, that all must be lapped or none, and that only a sprint would win it. The two men wrangled over this for two days, and Moran finally carried his point.

There are not wanting good judges who think that Keegan's plan was the better and the more likely to succeed. A waiting game suited the leaders and did not suit the two lapped men. There were weak spots—notably the Frenchman and Monree, and a determined and sustained assault might very easily have put an entirely different face on the matter. But the opportunity was lost, and Keegan and Moran had little to show for their long ride.

Money deposited this week in the Five Cents Savings bank begins to draw interest Saturday, Jan. 2nd.

IN FALL RIVER

CURTAILMENT IS NOT LIKELY YET.

FALL RIVER, Dec. 31.—Although there has been more or less talk during the last few days that some of the mills were contemplating running on short time there is not much probability of such action being taken at least for the present. Treasurers who are willing to talk on the subject state that they do not wish to curtail unless absolutely forced to do so by the condition of the cotton market. Actual cotton cannot be purchased today at less than 14½ cents a pound, and any great advances beyond this would prohibit the manufacture of goods with any chance of a profit. When the time arrives that a certain loss confronts the manufacturers of cotton cloth a curtailment movement might be resorted to, but agents say that that state of affairs has not been reached yet in this city and the policy will be to run the mills the full time if that is possible.

The non-delivery of cotton bought at lower prices than present quotations is the most serious factor in the situation at present and there is no doubt that there is a large quantity that should be coming forward that fails to arrive, and the sales notes representing this cotton have not been issued by one or two firms but are quite widely distributed. The southerner is a very unsatisfactory individual to do business with when the market is going against him and brokers are kept on the anxious seat wondering how many contracts are to be defaulted. Already steps are being taken to prevent a repetition of the complications which have come about because of this failure of southern firms and it is proposed to have uniform sale notes used by all the brokers with a margin posted at the time the contract is made.

MORE BAD MONEY

IS BEING CIRCULATED IN MANCHESTER.

MANCHESTER, Dec. 31.—Because two men who are alleged to have passed counterfeit money in Manchester have been placed under lock and key is no reason that business men and citizens should be less cautious in the examination of the money they now receive. As proven by several cases reported to the police within the past few days, the bad bills are still "circulating" about the city, or else some other "shover of the queer" is getting in his fine work in the wake of Messrs. Wiggin and Wilson. Within a few days two $10 bills have been passed in local saloons and have been received without suspicion on the part of the proprietors until they came to bank their money and were informed by the bank experts that they were so much out.

This morning another $5 bill of the variety in imitation of the Morristown, N. J., Iron bank's paper was brought to the police station and placed in Chief Healey's collection of fine pen-work exhibits. It was found by Grocer J. N. Lacourse of Manchester street in his money drawer, and he is unable to tell how he got it beyond the fact that it came in some time yesterday afternoon. The police are in doubt whether these late found bills were passed by counterfeiters or by some innocent person who received them when the flood of bad bills was spreading in Manchester, and who have kept them in circulation without detecting their spurious nature. The last bill found is as good an imitation as the others and had been worn ragged and soiled to make it appear that it had been in circulation a good while.

HEAVY SENTENCE

JAMES BLAKE RECEIVED EIGHT YEARS.

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Dec. 31.—James Blake, alias John Lombard, recently convicted of assault with intent to kill on Chief of Police Maurice Fitzgerald of Ware, was yesterday sentenced in the superior court to serve eight years in state prison.

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In reading of this sale of winter goods it should be remembered that we don't sell trash. No unworthy thing finds a place in our store.

These are all regular stock—carefully selected—that we know to be the worthiest goods at first prices that money could buy. They are worth as much today—to you—as they ever were, although you get them now for one-third to one-half less than yesterday.

Men's Wool Fleeced Underwear 35c

A handsome steel mixture, shirts made with broad satin fronts—shirts and drawers finished with pearl buttons, double seams, all sizes today, 30 to 46. Equal to any 69c garment sold—for only - - - **35c**

Men's Fine Fawn Jersey Underwear 35c

Full winter weight, shirts handsomely finished with silk front, pearl buttons and French neck. Drawers with deep English bands, patent gusset and buttons—sizes today 32 to 42. Were great value for 50c, the lot marked now - - - **35c**

8 Dozens Boys' Lined Leather Gloves and mittens, with wool wrists—today all sizes—an excellent quality for 25c, all today marked - - - **19c**

18 Dozens Men's Heavy Leather Gloves and mittens, with wool wrists, the end of a large lot—today - - - - - - - **25c**

Men's Fleeced Underwear 25c

The greatest value we ever advertised. Very heavy fleeced shirts and drawers, in the popular Jaeger mixture — shirts finely finished with French necks and pearl buttons. Drawers, self fronts and pearl buttons, twin needle seams and double cuffs—a regular 50c quality today for only - - - - - **25c**

Men's Lined and Unlined Leather Gloves with wool wrists or plain leather. A collection of several lots of 50c goods. All marked today - - - - - **39c**

10 Dozens Men's Winter Caps—double band golf shape, made from excellent all wool heavy cheviots—were 50c, today for **35c**

Boys' Fleece Lined Underwear 19c.

Twelve dozens only in this lot, but remarkable for the price. A neat brown mixture, nicely made with double seams and double cuffs—regular 25c goods for **19c**

Boys' Fleeced Underwear 25c.

In a handsome steel mixture. Shirts and drawers finely finished with pearl buttons—shirts with handsome galloon fronts, regular 38c quality for - - - - - **25c**

6 Dozens Boys' Genuine Mohair Tams,

the quality sold everywhere for 75c. The remainder of our last purchase, today **37½c**

Nine Hundred Pairs Men's Heavy Wool Stockings

for one-third off the price—these represent all that we have left of several thousand pairs of Black, Camel's hair and Oxford half hose; this class of goods is sold everywhere for 15c to 20c a pair—we shall close this lot for - - - - - **10c a Pair**

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Great Work Done by Superintendent Conlon

On a Small Appropriation He Has Made Repairs on Nearly Every Public Building and Has Made Several Permanent Improvements Out of His Regular Appropriation

For some time past the non-partisan organ has from time to time published small paragraphs criticizing adversely the administration of Supt. Conlon of the lands and buildings department, insinuating that he has been extravagant and is incompetent though it makes no direct charge, having searched in vain for something tangible with which to attack him. Finally the paper in question suggests that Supt. Conlon should be dropped from office because he overran his appropriation. The critics of Supt. Conlon, however, overlook the fact that Supt. Whitcomb makes a practice of overrunning his appropriations because that gentleman votes the republican ticket on election day.

A party of employes were discussing the criticisms of Supt. Conlon, at city hall, a few days ago when Foreman Burnham of the lands and buildings department spoke up and said: "It is easy enough for an editor to sit in his office and criticise this or any department with simply a couple of sets of figures to go by but let him take the trouble to investigate some of the work that has been done in the department under the regular appropriation during the year about to close and he will have a different story to write when he has finished."

The Sun reporter yesterday, acting upon the suggestion made a tour of the buildings in charge of Supt. Conlon, and at the close of his trip was convinced that the department this year has done more work for the money allowed it than has been done for several years, and it did work that should have been done long before but which was left for the future to care for.

Leaving city hall the first place visited was the Memorial building, the exterior woodwork of which has been painted for the first time since the building was opened. The building was badly in need of attention and the improvement is marked. Going out to the Moody street school another marked improvement is found. The school yard here backs up against a wall of loose earth and cobbles of the nature of the First street bank which annually slides down upon the car tracks, only much smaller. This bank in rainy weather and in spring has been dropping into the school yard ruining the wooden picket fence which was built, rebuilt and built again after each invasion by the bank until Supt. Conlon put an end to the trouble for all time by constructing a 225 foot stone wall along the edge of the bank.

The Pawtucketville school, the hall and corridors of which were plastered when the school was built and never touched afterward now look resplendent in new kalsomining, done since Supt. Conlon took office. And it might be stated at this point that every school house basement in Lowell has been whitewashed under Supt. Conlon, something that was woefully needed in many of the buildings.

Just below the Pawtucketville school house is the Pawtucketville engine house where Mr. Conlon used a portion of his appropriation to good advantage. Heretofore the floor space in this place was insufficient and one of the horses on the engine was obliged to run around the back of the engine to get to its position at the pole, losing time and frequently slipping down. For several years the firemen wanted the conditions improved and it remained for the present superintendent to give them what they were looking for. By utilizing some of yard space he built a one-story brick addition to the building, thus giving room for an additional stall, a new and more convenient side entrance and a more convenient stairway for the firemen. The horse now has a straight road from its stall.

At the Cross street school house Supt. Conlon has put up an 80-foot wall, a new fence and new stairway to the playground; another badly needed permanent improvement made out of the regular appropriation for lands and buildings.

At the ambulance stable a portion of the back brick wall fell out and ordinarily a whole new wall would have been called for but this was Supt. Conlon's particular line of business, and he shored up the wall as a comparatively small cost. In the ambulance yard he replanked the old coal sheds, put in new timbers and a gravel roof and put on sliding doors so as to allow the storing of sleighs, another permanent improvement made out of the regular appropriation. In the health department yard out of his regular appropriation Mr. Conlon built a 60-foot shed for the storage of seven garbage wagons, shingled the roof of the stable and replanked the floor. Other sheds were built out of a special appropriation but these referred to were done with the regular lands and buildings appropriation.

It was not the intention of the reporter to refer to work done by special appropriation but merely to show where the regular appropriation had been spent, but new sheds at the city stables are well worth at least passing notice. In the health department yard are a line of two-story sheds 148x20, in which the wagons are stored in the lower story and the sleighs above. These have been asked for, for years, but until this year the street and health departments were unable to get the money with which to do the work. In the street department yard are a line of two-story sheds 130x24, in the upper story of which the department now stores its oak lumber, which in years gone by used to lie in the yard at the mercy of the elements. In part of these sheds the watering carts and steam rollers are housed. Speaking of these sheds, Foreman Burnham said: "They were built by Mr. Conlon as cheap and as well as any contractor in Lowell could do the work."

Within the street department stable The Sun reporter found a poor, old, gray horse with spinal trouble, bandaged up in a new box stall that Mr. Conlon put in this year. He also built 25 new cribs for the stalls and put in 42 new stall pans, and three new water closets for the employes of the department.

The police station, as has been written before, is a new building with the exception of the walls, having been renovated under a special appropriation for that purpose, made before Supt. Conlon went into office and then added to.

The plans for the improvement of the police station were made out before Mr. Conlon went into office and he found several little matters that he thought should be attended to that were not provided for in the special appropriation and he proceeded to attend to them out of his regular fund. He increased the sink and lavatory facilities in the cell room, for which improvement Councilman J. J. Hayes spoke strongly in the common council. He built an ice box in the cell rooms, a much needed addition to the appointments and he put new water closets in the cells. He put a new floor in the guard room, redecorated the offices of the superintendent and the commissioners and put a new floor in the commissioners' room; changed the plan of the Wentworth library so as to enlarge the office of Probation Officer Slattery and put in a new toilet room up stairs, all this work being done apart from the special police station appropriation.

To describe the improvements and repairs in detail would require more space than can be devoted at this time hence mere mention is made in many cases.

The Varnum school has received a coat of kalsomining throughout and Weed street and new Moody schools have been fitted up with new sashes, made necessary by the explosion.

A list of the other work done is as follows:

Oaklands school, painted outside and basement; Warren street engine house, small brick addition built to give more room to entrance; Lyon street school, sanitary work and new fence in ward room; Central street school, porch repaired; Greene school, new sinks and two rooms kalsomined; London street annex converted into a new building; hose 8 house, new stalls, bathroom and floor; Colburn school, new sinks, building painted outside; Chapel and Cottage street schools, new fences; Fayette street school, repaired porch and roof, new steps and fence; Kirk street school, new fence and water closets; Lexington avenue and Plain street schools, new fences; Armory and sewer department, new fences; made 125 coffins for pauper department; Morrill school, painted inside and outside, basement renovated; truck 2 house, stalls repaired; Agawam street school painted outside and fences repaired; Worthen street school, new stairs and plumbing; West Sixth street school, new floor and other repairs; Lincoln school, general repairs; Anne street, new fences; High, general repairs; Lakeview avenue, new steps; Fourth street engine house, new door and stalls; Cheever street school, new coal bin; hose 6, new floor in barn, repairs on stalls; Charles street school, new fences; Dover street, new floor and fence; engine 2, general repairs on stalls, new hay rack; Butler school, new fence and floors in eight dressing rooms; Tenth street school, repaired porches and general repairs; hose 9, stalls and hay rack; engine 3, repairs on stalls.

From the above it will be seen that not only did nearly every building owned by the city get some share of the appropriation but in several cases Mr. Conlon has made permanent improvements out of his regular appropriation. Old employes are authority for the statement that he has done more work than has been done in any one year by any of his predecessors for a long time back.

He has not only spent the money given him for his department judiciously but in some cases to great advantage and his record will compare favorably with that of any other head of department in the city's employ.

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MAYBE MOODY

Secretary May Manage Campaign

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Even if Ex-Gov. W. Murray Crane should decline the chairmanship of the national republican committee the distinction of supplying the man to manage the next republican campaign may fall to the lot of Massachusetts.

The suggestion has been made and is being seriously considered, that Sec. W. H. Moody shall be asked to become President Roosevelt's campaign manager.

It is doubtful if there is any other man who combines so many qualifications that so peculiarly fit him for the place. He is a politician whom no one ever accuses of being a politician. In fact, when he was in congress some of his friends did not hesitate to say that he was the worst politician that Massachusetts had ever produced, which is saying a good deal. But the proof of the pudding is in the eating, and a politician who lands every time he sets out to make a campaign perhaps knows the rudiments of the game.

Mr. Moody made four campaigns for congress, each of which practically cost him nothing, and every time his majority increased.

Mr. Moody has impressed himself upon his colleagues of the cabinet and public men generally for his good judgment has great fund of what Lincoln would have called "horse sense," and his imperturbable balance. He never slops over, he never gets excited, he never gets unduly elated or unduly depressed. Things may go wrong within him much, but he does not show it.

"Moody doesn't have glass in the top of his head," was the remark of a member of the cabinet, by which he meant that something more than surface observation was necessary to ascertain what was going on inside the secretary's head. Excellent qualities these for a campaign manager.

But he has others. He has a charm of manner which is very captivating. A certain member of the cabinet has called him in affectionate playfulness "Sunny William."

"Moody perpetually radiates good humor," this member remarked. "I don't know whether Moody has a conscience," he added. "But I am quite sure he hasn't a stomach. No man with a digestion or a liver could always be in good temper."

BOSTON MAN

WILL GET THE REWARD OF $3000 FOR ARREST OF ALVORD.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Justice McCall in the supreme court yesterday gave a decision in favor of J. H. Atwood of Boston, who sued Detective J. F. Armstrong of the New York police force for the $3000 reward offered for the arrest of Cornelius L. Alvord, Jr., the defaulting official of the First National bank of this city. Alvord was captured in Boston and several persons besides Atwood and Armstrong claimed the reward, which has not yet been paid. Justice McCall decided that Atwood is entitled to it.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

A successful open meeting and smoke talk was held by Lowell lodge, International Association of Machinists at their hall in Central street last night. The attendance was very large and as an invitation had been sent out to non-union machinists to attend, there were a good many of the latter present. A fine address on unionism was delivered by Walter Ames, seventh vice president of the International association, and Stewart Reid, one of the organizers of the American Federation of Labor.

The local lodge elected officers for the ensuing term at their last meeting and these will be installed next Friday evening at the regular meeting. A complimentary dance is to be conducted by the lodge, and the committee which was appointed recently to make the necessary arrangements, report that everything points to a very successful affair.

The regular meeting of Court Gen. Shields, F. of A., was held last night and there was a large attendance of members. The principal business of the evening was the election of officers for the ensuing term, which resulted as follows: C. R., Dennis Hallisey; S. C. R., William C. Boles; treasurer, Thomas Keegan; recording secretary, John Hanley; financial secretary, James H. Cox; senior woodward, Joseph Clare; junior woodward, John McNulty; senior beadle, Anthony Ferrello; junior beadle, James E. Lang; trustee for three years, Thomas Moss; lecturer, Michael M. Mullen; physician for one year, Dr. A. J. Halpin.

Mechanics Lodge, I. O. O. F., met in regular session last night and the following officers were elected for the ensuing six months: Noble grand, John J. Preston; vice-grand, William J. Samson; recording secretary, Frank B. Wright; financial secretary, Daniel B. H. Bartlett; treasurer, Adelbert M. Huntoon; trustee for three years, Frank A. Fletcher.

BOWLING NEWS.

The All-Stars defeated the Wonders by the score of 775 to 774 in a close and highly interesting game at Les Miserables alleys last night. It looked pretty blue for the All-Stars during the early part of the game, but a Garrison finish in the last string was the one which told the story and won the game for them. The score:

All-Stars—Larkin 161, Shields 136, Winn 126, McCarthy 125, Murphy 200; total, 775.

Wonders—Sullivan 143, Casey 178, Welch 180, Fitzgerald 161, McQuade 172; total, 774.

CENTRALVILLE CLERKS WON.

The Centralville Clerks defeated the Combines on Les Miserables alleys last night in a rather one-sided game, the boys from across the bridge being too much for their opponents. The score:

Centralville Clerks—Robin 213, McNeal 237, Laundry 210, J. O'Brien 244, D. O'Brien 257; total, 1221.

Combines—Stearns 231, McDonald 228, Snowman 250, Butterfield 239, Perren 234; total, 1103.

E Z MARKS WERE E Z.

Murty's Collectors defeated O'Brien's E Z Marks last night on Les Miserables alleys by a score of 862 to 755. The score:

Murty's Collectors—Murty Sullivan 136, Mick Casey 159, Mullin 115, Mick McClosky 272, Fitzgerald 180; total, 862.

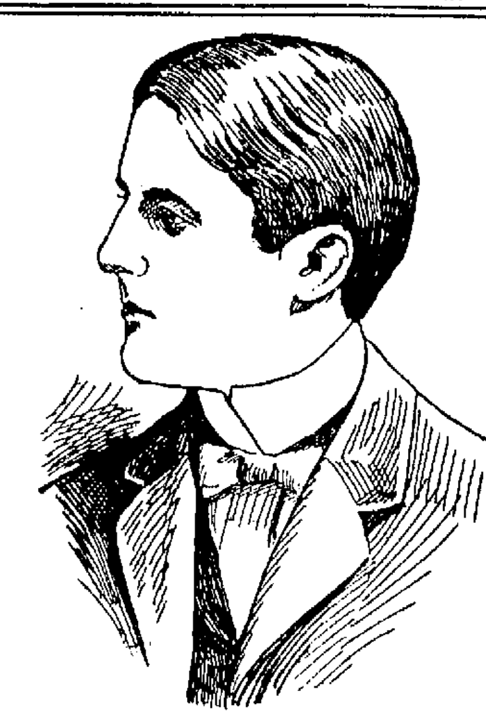
O'Brien's E Z Marks—D. O'Brien 160, Mickey Larkin 180, Jim Duffy 175, Puck O'Brien 150, Hovey 150; total, 755.

POLO RESULTS.

At Chelsea—Chelsea 6, Lawrence 0

At Woburn—Salem 6, Woburn 5.

Edward Everett Adams announces that he will keep open house at his studio, suite 15, Odd Fellows' Temple, Friday evening, Jan. 1, from 8 to 10.30. A cordial invitation is extended to all his friends to call during the evening.



ARTHUR LYMAN.

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Lowell Boy Died in Boston

Arthur Lyman of this city died yesterday at the Massachusetts General hospital in Boston, where he had been confined for several weeks past. His death was not expected and the sad news came as a shock to his many friends and acquaintances.

He served during the Spanish-American war and on his return entered Yale college, and while there received an injury to his right leg, which later developed into so serious a case that his attending physician advised him to go to the Massachusetts General hospital and have the injured member amputated. He did so, and the operation proved, apparently, very successful. It was not long before the patient was enjoying his usual good health. Of late, however, he complained of a return of his illness and recently he was again advised by his physician to visit the hospital at Boston. He did so, and, although everything that medical skill could suggest was done to save the young man's life, he grew worse until death came.

Mr. Lyman was a son of Edward Lyman of Wilder street, mechanical engineer for the Bigelow Carpet company. He is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Frank H. Putnam, and two brothers, Ralph H. and Harry Lyman.

He was a student at the Yale Medical school in New Haven, this being his senior year. He came to Boston to witness the recent Yale-Harvard game and afterwards came to his home in this city. While in Lowell he was taken ill and rapidly grew worse.

THEATRE FIRES

Some of the Big Fires in 27 Years

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Nothing like yesterday's horror has been known in the history of the city, or probably in the world's history. As the bodies were taken out of the theatre they were laid in rows on the sidewalk because they could not be moved quickly enough to the morgues. All kinds of trucks were pressed into service. In a short time the morgues and hospitals were piled high with bodies, until several places refused to take any more.

Prior to the burning of the Iroquois there have been four theatrical fires, which are regarded as the most serious in the annals of the stage. The first was that of the Park Theatre, Brooklyn, on the night of Dec. 5, 1876. The building occupied the site where the Brooklyn Eagle now stands and was an old and rather dilapidated structure.

At that time the attraction was "The Two Orphans," in which Kate Claxton, Charles R. Thorne and Harry Murdoch were playing the leading roles. When the fire was discovered it was not considered a serious matter and a member of the company came before the curtain and announced that on account of a slight accident the audience would be dismissed, but that there was plenty of time and no danger.

BETWEEN 275 AND 300 DEAD.

The members of the company were slow in leaving the stage, but the fire gained so rapidly that the players were compelled to make their escape through an underground passage to the street.

Harry Murdoch, a well-known Boston actor, and formerly a member of the famous Arthur Cheney company at the old Globe theatre in Boston, it is thought, went back to secure some of his property and was overcome. Claude Burroughs, who had been playing the role of Picard, was also lost. The audience became panic-stricken and were crushed, suffocated and burned.

Between 275 and 300 bodies were taken from the ruins, but there were probably many more incinerated beyond recognition. It was this fire which caused the remodelling of nearly every playhouse in the country and to the framing of building laws for the protection of the public.

Then came the burning of the Opera Comique in Paris in May, 1887. This building was supposed to be fireproof, and while there was much damage done to the structure, the greatest loss of life was caused by suffocation and being trampled to death.

In this fire over 130 lives were lost, and the managing director of the house was imprisoned for three months and fined 20,000 francs. The fireman of the establishment was also incarcerated for a month.

Dec. 8, 1882, occurred the greatest holocaust which Europe has ever suffered. It was at the Ring Theatre, Vienna, and here, too, the loss of life was chiefly occasioned by suffocation and trampling. At that fire the dead were estimated at 447.

CHARITY BAZAAR FIRE.

In recent years has occurred a disaster which, although not strictly speaking a theatrical fire, is numbered among the amusement calamities of the world. It was at the charity bazaar given in Paris in May, 1897. The fete was taking place in what is termed "Old Paris," on Rue Jean Goujon. When the fire broke out there was a general stampede, and history states that the men fought for their lives to the detriment of the women.

The loss of life was over 125 persons, nearly all of whom were women. Among the dead was the Duchess d'Alencon, a sister of the Empress of Austria, and there were many others of almost equal prominence.

FEW FATAL FIRES.

London has been singularly free from disastrous theatrical fires in recent years. Playhouses have been burned, but it was at a time when they were unoccupied. This country, too, with the exception of the Park Theatre and the present dreadful affair, has been very fortunate, considering the number of theatres here, and while many have been destroyed, it has heretofore been when they were empty.

LIVES IN BILLERICA

BUT COLLIER WILL BE PRESIDENT OF CHELSEA ALDERMEN.

Forrest F. Collier, who has been selected in a caucus as president of the 1904 Chelsea board of aldermen, is unique among the city fathers of Greater Boston, for while he sits at stated intervals with the solons in Chelsea city hall, he lives in Billerica.

Mr. Collier recently married a charming Billerica girl and moved to that town. He starts Jan. 1 on the second year of his term as alderman.

He is the son of Abram T. Collier, vice-president of the Shawmut National bank of Boston, and was born in Chelsea. He graduated from the public and high schools of his city, was four years in Harvard college and went through a three years' course in the Harvard Law school. Mr. Collier is a lawyer by profession. He is the youngest member of the Chelsea board.

GO 'LONG THERE

ICE TROTTING WILL BE IN ORDER SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

If the ice on the Merrimack is in good condition Saturday afternoon the local horsemen will have some good sport.

John Maguire has been engaged in preparing a track and he says that if the weather continues cold everything will be in apple pie order for good racing Saturday afternoon. The entrance fee will be reasonable and good prizes will be offered.

CHECK DISEASE

WATER IN HORSE TROUGHS SHUT OFF AT LAWRENCE.

In accord with a request of the board of health in Lawrence the water in the horse water troughs of that city was turned off yesterday morning by the water department. The request was made to Supt. Collins by Agent Smith Tuesday afternoon and the reason is understood to be because of the existence of glanders in that city at the present time.

NEW CHARGE d'AFFAIRES.

COLON, Dec. 31.—Henry Moet, who has been appointed French charge d'affaires at Panama arrived here yesterday and was received with honor by the officers of the military and police. He paid a formal visit to Gov. Melendez.

FOURTH REUNION

Of the High School Alumni

The fourth annual reunion under the auspices of the High school alumni was held last night at the High school annex and a large number turned out to enjoy the festivities, former graduates being very much in evidence while the students of the High school at the present time were well represented to say nothing of a number of friends of the graduates and students of the school. The affair was under the auspices of the classes of '96, '97, '98, '99, '00, '01, '02, '03 and '4. It proved to be the most brilliant social success ever undertaken by the students.

The hall was simply decorated, the flags of the different classes being suspended from the ceiling. The matrons occupied a conspicuous position on the right hand side of the hall where they exchanged greetings with former students.

There was a large representation of the students of the Normal school present as well as students from various women's colleges throughout the state. Many of the college boys home for the Christmas vacation availed themselves of the opportunity to participate in the function.

Shortly after eight o'clock Chairman Winfred MacBrayne called to order and stated that one of the purposes of the function was to broach the idea of the formation of an alumni association. He said that in past years efforts have been made by various classes to form such an organization but that for some reason or other these organizations did not become permanent. Remarks of a similar nature were also made by Principal Cyrus Irish and Mr. Carl Burtt.

The concert program was given between eight and nine o'clock by Hadley's orchestra, and was pleasantly received by the large assemblage. An intermission was taken during which a light collation was served.

Dancing followed continuing until midnight.

The members of the committee having charge of the affair are as follows, each class from 1896 up to the present time being represented:

Winfred C. MacBrayne, '00, chairman; Miss Marion Hill, '04, secretary; William A. Driscoll, '04, treasurer; Robert E. Goodell, '96, Miss Ethel Whitcomb, '96, Dr. Frank Leahey, '96, Miss Elsie Puffer, '96, Stanley E. Qua, '97, Miss Alice Bacheller, '97, Josiah Butler, '97, Miss Katherine Coggeshall, '97, Miss Alice Richardson, '97, William H. Howard, '97, Miss Alice Duckworth, '97, Miss Ida A. Woodies, '97, Miss Evelyn Pierce, '97, Miss Maud Young, '97, Miss Linda Stearns, '98, Miss Ardell Roper, '98, Robert Elliott, '98, Joseph Wright, '98, Miss B. K. Smith, '98, Frank Brady, '98, Miss Edith Richardson, '99, Dana B. Whipple, '99, Miss Florence Gray, '99, John J. Rogers, '99, Ralph Bean, '99, Miss Madeline Crevier, '00, Arthur Lovejoy, '00, Miss Alice Rowell, '00, Lester Russell, '00, Arnold S. Halstead, '01, Miss Edna Thompson, '01, Willard Parker, '01, Miss Bertha Abbott, '01, Miss Grace Pearson, '01, Miss Catherine Whittaker, '01, Orrin Wing, '02, Miss Amy G. Beuls, '02, Carl Stacks, '02, Miss Helen Stearns, '02, Miss Alice Gray, '02, Herbert Horne, '03, Miss Eva Young, '03, Miss Ruth Favor, '03, Miss Katherine Rafter, '03, Miss Eleanore Rivet, '03, Miss Ella Proctor, '03, Miss Gertrude Teague, '04, William L. Gookin, '04, Miss Margaret Teague, '04, Burton Carey, '04, Miss Margaret Snow, '04, Felton Moody, '04, Melvin Master, '04.

The school organizations are as follows:

Athletic Association—Melvin Master, president; Ruth Eaton, secretary; Joseph Sargent, treasurer.

Debating Club—William A. Driscoll, president; Edna Cutter, secretary.

Foot Ball Team—Melvin Master, captain; Marcus Cole, manager; Robert B. Parker, assistant manager.

Girls' Basket Ball Team—Blanche Hunking, captain; Carl D. Burtt, manager.

Boys' Basket Ball Team—Carl Bicknell, manager; Charles Seede, captain.

Track Team—Freeman M. Hallett, captain; Harry Hatch, manager.

Matrons—The High school teachers; Mrs. Cyrus W. Irish, Mrs. Carl D. Burtt.

The officers of the different classes are as follows:

Class of '96—Cecil Adams, president; Charlotte Cheney, vice president; Annie Paul (deceased) secretary; Percy Moody, treasurer; Arthur Phelan (deceased) sergt-at-arms.

Class of '97—Harold Caverly, president; Alice Richardson, vice president; Mary H. Coburn, secretary; John Seele, treasurer; George M. Spear, sergt.-at-arms.

Class of '98—Thomas O'Donnell, president; Edith Dempsey, vice president; Ardell Roper, secretary; Fred Gorman, treasurer; Dennis Murphy, sergt.-at-arms.

Class of '99—John J. Rogers, president; Edith Richardson, vice president; Dana B. Whipple, treasurer; Florence Gray, secretary; Ralph Bean, sergt.-at-arms.

Class of '00—Frederic Russell, president; Joshua Herrick, vice president; Leslie Adams, second vice president; Arthur Lovejoy, treasurer; Anna Coughlin, secretary; Frank O'Sullivan, sergt.-at-arms.

Class of '01—Carlton Staples, president; William Spalding, vice president; Lucia Johnson, second vice president; Grace Pearson, secretary; Francis Jantzen, treasurer; Harry McCue, sergeant-at-arms; Burnett Sweatt, assistant sergt.-at-arms.

Class of '02—Townsend Hill, president; Stephen Kearney, vice president; Ruth Wilder, second vice president; Helen H. Stearns, secretary; Harry W. Coburn, Jr., treasurer; Phillip Carrigan, asst. sergt. at-arms.

Class of '03—John Mather, president; Eleanore Rivet, vice president; Rachel Flint, secretary, Ralph Sanders, treasurer; Henry Packer, sergt.-at-arms.

Class of '04—Melvin Master, president; Ruth Bailey, vice president; Margaret Teague, second vice president; Margaret Snow, secretary; Carl Bicknell, treasurer; Thomas Varnum, sergt.-at-arms; George Coburn, asst. sergt.-at-arms.

FRANKLIN DEBATING CLUB.

The Benjamin Franklin Debating club held its regular meeting last night and considerable business of importance was transacted. The committee on arrangements for the public debate to be held at the First Trinitarian church next month reported that all arrangements were complete, and that the subject would be: "Resolved, that immigration is detrimental to the United States." The Franklin Debating club upholding the affirmative side, the Solon Stevens Debating club upholding the negative. The literary exercises of the evening consisted of a debate. Three members of the club debating against the three members that are to debate on Jan. 7.

Officer Joseph Lamoureaux is on the sick list.

DREW SEATS

NEW CITY COUNCIL ASSIGNED TO PLACES.

The new city council attended city hall last evening and drew seats for the incoming year. Several candidates for offices in the gift of the city council were on hand to get acquainted.

The seats in the board of aldermen were drawn as follows: Alderman Gallagher, 1; Alderman Carmichael, 2; Alderman Taylor, 3; Alderman Gerow, 4; Alderman Hill, 5; Alderman Miskella, 6; Alderman Fairweather, 7; Alderman Wilson, 8; and Alderman Grant, 9. Aldermen Gerow and Wilson were not in attendance and their seats were drawn respectively by Messrs. Fairweather and Grant.

The seats in the lower branch were drawn as follows: Councilmen Dodge, 1; Cosgrove, 2; Barry, 3; W. J. Hayes, 4; J. J. Hayes, 5; McLaughlin, 6; Cronan, 7; Donohoe, 8; Quinn, 9; Peterson, 10; Blake, 11; Connors, 12; (no number 13); Baldwin, 14; Crosby, 15; Welch, 16; Cheney, 17; Worcester, 18; Braden, 19; May, 20; McIntyre, 21; Fleming, 22; James H. Fleming, 23; Palm, 24; J. Mahoney, 25; McAloon, 26.

After the drawing several swaps were made.

After the drawing the republican members of the board of aldermen held a conference and there was much speculation as to the topics discussed. It was the general impression that the chairmanship of the board was the principal matter discussed.

NEW YORK CITY

PREPARING TO BID FOR THE CONVENTION.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—A mass meeting of citizens was held here yesterday to form an organization, the purpose of which is to try to secure the democratic national convention for New York in 1904.

President Charles V. Fornes of the board of aldermen said that any understanding that the meeting had been called by him was a misapprehension and declined to preside as chairman. Remarks favoring New York as the place for the convention were made and the assistance of the Merchants' association in a non-partisan way was pledged, after which the meeting adjourned subject to the call of J. Edward Simmons, who it is said, had agreed to act as treasurer of the funds to be raised.

CONCERT AND BALL

UNDER AUSPICES OF MERRIMACK LODGE.

The second annual concert and ball of Merrimack lodge, No. 256, I. O. B. A. was held last night at Highland hall and was a very successful affair. About five hundred were present, including a number from Boston, Lawrence, Haverhill and Nashua. Music was furnished by Hibbard's orchestra.

During the early part of the evening a fine musical and literary program was given, and after a brief intermission the grand march, the most brilliant feature of the evening, was announced. The long line of couples was led by Mr. and Mrs. Dunn, followed by Mr. and Mrs. Goldenberg, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kaplan, Mr. and Mrs. Silverblatt, Mr. M. and Miss F. Goldenberg, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Walsh and others.

Coffee and cake was served by a committee consisting of Mesdames P. Goldenberg, H. Rosenbloom, J. Dunn, Max Goldenberg, E. Gerson and D. Siskind.

The officers of the affair follow: Floor director, Joseph Dunn; assistant floor director, Max Goldenberg, and a number of aids; reception committee, H. Rosenbloom, H. Herman, S. Goldenberg.

The officers of the lodge are: President, D. Siskind; vice-president, A. S. Gerson; treasurer, M. Goldenberg; secretary, M. Freedman.

CHESS CONTESTS

HARVARD FIRST AND YALE SECOND.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The Harvard chess team won the quadrangular inter-collegiate tournament yesterday with a record of nine games won and three lost. Yale, beaten by Harvard two and a half to one and a half yesterday, was second, with seven won and five lost. Columbia took three games from Princeton and went into third place with 4½ won and 7½ lost.

Princeton was last with 3½ won and 8½ lost.

Jewelry

Time was when the jeweler's stock was much the same all the year round. Now there are fashions and fads as in other lines. We make it our business to keep abreast or ahead of such changes and secure the best and latest designs in WATCHES, CHAINS, PINS and jewelry of every description. Our stock forms an interesting exhibit and we cordially invite you to inspect it. We shall let the goods urge to buy.

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JOHN J. HOGAN, Notary Public.

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Get ready to swear off on all those bad habits.

A RISE IN REAL ESTATE VALUES EXPECTED.

Few subjects are of more interest to property owners at the present time than the value of real estate.

For five years past the value of real property in Lowell has been declining and now the best judges including the assessors are of the opinion that the lowest point has been reached and that during the coming year the tendency will be upward.

The causes of the depreciation of real estate are various and radical. One very positive cause is the decreased demand for tenements. An investigation might show that this was due to a period of dull business in which there was little to attract outsiders to Lowell as a centre of population.

Another cause of depreciation in tenement property is the influx of a certain element which, while adding to our population, did not add correspondingly to the volume of business or the demand for dwellings.

They congregated mainly in large blocks but scattered along certain streets, overcrowding the houses with the result that values if not rents dropped alarmingly.

These people dwell in colonies rather than in families and this explains the deterioration of property that results. Being mostly of the male sex, they do not seem to have any idea of establishing permanent homes.

This is a problem that should engage the attention not only of property owners but of the board of health as calculated to spread disease.

Another cause for the depreciation of real estate is the high tax-rate, the result of extravagance at city hall. With the high tax-rate few people care to hold vacant land if they can get rid of it to advantage; while the higher cost of building materials and the reduced demand for tenement and business places, have discouraged building operations to a great extent.

Things in this line have been so dull during the past two years that a business and a building revival are anticipated next year. A good administration at city hall, an enterprising spirit among our business men and continued prosperity among our local industries will go far to bring about the desired change and to send the value of real estate back to what it was some five or ten years ago.

THE ORIENTAL WAR AND ITS POSSIBILITIES.

To the people of this country it might seem of but little importance as to whether war breaks out between Russia and Japan, but of late the commerce of every great power is so dovetailed with the commerce of every other, that no warlike disturbance can prevail in one country without seriously affecting the commercial interests of all the others.

Hence the announcement that war between Japan and Russia is now inevitable causes the people of the United States to pause and inquire what is the real bone of contention.

A superficial view of the situation would indicate that Japan is the aggressor and that she is forcing the war upon Russia while the latter is strongly in favor of peace. But this is not the correct view of the case.

The fact is that for many years Russia has been pushing her frontier eastward. She has been looking for a coast line that would enable her to use a fleet to advantage.

For a long time she looked with covetous eye upon India, the granary of England; but that was too well guarded not only by British troops on land but by a formidable British navy so that here Russian territorial designs were thwarted and as a result Russia turned her attention to Manchuria and the coast line on the east of the Asiatic continent.

In spite of the protests of the other great powers, Russia constructed a trans-continental railroad through Siberia and to make that great enterprise a success, she must have Manchuria, she must have an ice free terminal on the eastern coast.

It is very plain, therefore, that in spite of all protests Russia has no intention of relinquishing her hold upon Manchuria. Not only that, she wants a continuous coast line from Port Arthur to Vladivostok, but Corea lies between these two points and the natural outcome of Russia's advance along the coast would be to absorb Corea.

This is the very thing that Japan is determined to prevent, because if Russia succeeded in establishing her sway on the eastern coast and over Corea she would soon be in a position not only to seize more Chinese territory but to cripple the commerce and power of Japan. Thus it appears that while Russia does not want war she in reality is the aggressor. It is natural that she would prefer to be allowed to seize new territory unmolested, but judging from the present outlook she will have to conquer Japan before she goes one step farther.

Is Russia able to conquer Japan? If the battles were to be fought on Russian territory not far from Moscow or even at the Crimea, Russia would make short work of the doughty little insular empire of the Orient; but Japan has a navy that so far as discipline and equipment are concerned is far superior to that of Russia. The Japanese admirals are men of great skill and tactical ability. They have made great advances in the art of naval warfare since they whipped China and hence the Japanese fleet is probably able to cope with any other second rate fleet of equal size in the world.

The Russian fleet is reported to be in poor condition, while the admirals and crews are undisciplined and inexperienced. There is slight probability that they can successfully meet the Japanese fleet. But Russia must labor under another handicap in conducting a war so far from her base of supplies. It requires sixteen days to cross the continent by the Siberian railroad and what is worst of all Russia has no supply of coal nearer than the Ural mountains. For this reason she would be almost as badly off in conducting a war with Japan as England was in conducting a war in South Africa. The English fleet could land supplies in South Africa in a shorter time than it will take Russia to transport supplies by the trans-continental railroad.

It is very plain, therefore, that in a war with Japan, Russia will not have things entirely as she wishes. China will aid Japan and England will also help her by sending ammunition and supplies and by permitting Japanese merchant vessels to register under the British flag.

France on the other hand is in sympathy with Russia, but it is doubtful if she will do much or if she can do much without violating the neutrality laws.

As for the United States she will have a squadron near the scene of hostilities to protect American interests and to preserve the open door of commerce.

The war would increase the price of commodities imported from the Orient while it would probably create a demand for certain kinds of American goods required by the belligerents during the progress of hostilities. There is very little chance that it will involve other powers. England can hardly be forced into another conflict at the present time and there is nothing at stake that would make it an object for France to join Russia in a fight for the possession of new territory to which she has no just claim.

For our own part we surmise that Russia will cease to push her claims in the east and thus temporarily at least avert a war with Japan. The latter is as anxious to fight, however, as the former is reluctant, so that it will require quick and effective diplomatic work to clear the atmosphere and prevent an outbreak.

SEEN AND HEARD

There is no "snap" in a cold snap: it bites the just as well as the unjust.

Speaking of wrestling, the city fathers will have a championship wrestle with the finances in 1904 to keep the tax rate down.

The county of Middlesex is so poor that it couldn't afford to give the inmates at the Lowell jail a turkey dinner on Christmas day.

The Sun's crusade against street car advertisements deserves success, for many of these advertisements would not be tolerated in homes. If the advertisements cannot be wholly eliminated a censor should be appointed to cut out the doubtful and objectionable ones.

CRACKERS A LUXURY.

If the story I heard the other day is true, there's rum as well as whiskey for sale in Lowell. The fellow who told it was a very honest looking individual and the story was jokingly told. "There were six of us," he said, "about three weeks ago and we were about on our uppers. We pooled our issues and found we had 60 cents. So far as room and fire and one thing or another was concerned, we were well enough off, but we were hungry and agreed that it would be better to delegate one man to spend the 60 cents than it would be for all of us to go out. We decided that one man would be more judicious and we picked on the man who was forever talking economy. His name was Johnson and we all believed him to be a downright honest fellow and a good manager. Johnson took the money and despite our confidence in him our last words to him were "remember we can do without luxuries." Johnson returned in less than twenty minutes and we were tickled to death to see him. We had reason to suppose that we had made a wise move when we appointed him, but we changed our minds. Johnson after advancing and giving the counter sign, produced a pint bottle, filled with rum, and a dozen crackers. 'Comrades,' he said, drawing himself up to his full height, and he was a pretty tall fellow, 'I owe you an apology. You told me to bring only the necessaries, but I couldn't resist the temptation to buy a few crackers.'"

SERGT. SHEA'S STORY.

John Shea, better known as Sergt. Shea, called at the police station Wednesday evening. John called of his own accord—he was visiting. While there an officer asked him to tell the story of the man whose son was a basketball player.

"That was funny," laughed John. "I had known Mr. M—— for quite a number of years and one day, just as I stepped from a little store in Market street with a basket in my hand, he approached me and said: 'Well, Mr. Shea, you're a very nice man. I have known you for a long while and I think a great deal of you.'

"I thanked him kindly for his very pleasing expressions and returned the compliment. I was about to take leave of him when he touched me on the arm and looking me straight in the eye, said to me, 'But there's one thing I can say that you haven't to say. I have a boy that's a basketball player. None of your boys are basketball players.'

'No, I said, none of my boys are basketball players, but I have boys that go out and fight for their country.' I was good natured about it and gave him the glad hand when we parted. I had gone about two steps when I received a punch in the rear of my left ear that made me see stars. As soon as I had collected my scattered senses I dropped the basket, but when I did the man, who had a son who played basketball, ran away. All the consolation I had was in the thought that if his boy didn't have more pluck than his old man he'd make a mighty poor soldier. That's the story, so now give me a match," said John, and lighting his woodstock he strolled away.

MINSTREL SHOW

AT THE HIGHLAND CLUB TONIGHT.

There is to be an enjoyable gathering at the Highland club this evening, when a capital minstrel entertainment is to take place. The program arranged is one that promises to be of a very high order and as great attention has been paid to rehearsals there is every reason to anticipate that nothing will be wanting in its execution. From half past 9 until 1 o'clock dancing will be indulged in to the strains of a good orchestra. A general good time is expected, and the committee in charge are determined that no efforts shall be lacking on their part for the new year to be ushered with a heartiness that will long remain green in the memory of those who attend.

JULIA RICKS INSANE.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 31.—Miss Julia Ricks, who some time ago created a sensation in New York by demanding a large sum of money from Mrs. May Harrington Stello, the former wife of Dan R. Hanna, was yesterday adjudged insane by Acting Judge Schwab, and committed to the state asylum for the insane at Newburg.

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SOME CYCLE NEWS

Items of Interest About The Racers

"Major" Taylor, the colored whirlwind from Worcester, who has had more to contend with than any other rider on the track, owing to his color, is now living on the sunny side of Easy street and whenever he wishes to retire he can do so and live in style and comfort. During the past eight years the colored fellow has stored away $80,000, and is with probably one exception, the richest rider on the cycle track. He is the most prominent sprint rider in the world today.

The story of his career is well known. It is now three years since he went to Europe to race Jacquelin for the championship of the world, which he won. He traveled all over the old country in 1901, meeting all comers and was only beaten once.

In 1902 he went to Europe and was very successful, his winnings being about $20,000. While there he signed a contract to go back again for this year with a guarantee of $10,000 to start riding in July in Paris.

Last January Taylor went to Australia and before he started he received $5000 from a syndicate of promoters and a guarantee of $7500. In Australia he made a big hit. He left there the last of May to fill his engagement in Paris.

Taylor returned home the first of last October and was going to settle down and retire from the cycle game, but he again received an offer from Australia with a guarantee of $7500.

He cabled back, saying it was not enough money, but he would go for $8500. The offer was accepted and Taylor started from Worcester last month, taking with him his wife and father.

It is said that he has cleaned up in the last eight years about $80,000 in the cycle game.

Frank A. Gately, the well known motor expert, who was badly injured on last Decoration Day at Charles River park, when Harry Elkes was killed, has made out the following list which shows what some of the old-timers are doing:

Paul Bourillon, champion sprint rider of the world in 1897, is making a great success in Europe as an opera singer.

Jimmy Warburton (son of "Choppy," the man who brought out Michael), who was a pacemaker on the National track team at Charles River park in 1898, went to South Africa during the Boer war and was wounded at Ladysmith. He is now a prosperous hardware dealer in Johannesburg.

Charles W. Ridgeway of London, amateur middle distance champion of 1896, is with the Banker Brothers, selling automobiles. He expects to run an 80-horse-power car in the 1904 Gordon-Bennett cup race in Germany.

J. W. Stocks of Hull, England, champion high bicycle rider in 1888, and middle distance champion of Europe in 1896 and 1899, is in the automobile business in London.

Tom Linton is running a hotel in Paris, and is doing well.

Frank (Dutch) Waller is working in a cafe in London.

Eddie Bald is a bookmaker.

Tom Cooper is making automobiles in the west.

Barney Oldfield is racing automobiles.

Austin Crook is working for the Edison company in New York city.

Bob Miller is driving automobiles in St. Paul.

Al Newhouse and Bill Sherer are in the automobile business in New York.

Bill Tenzler is working for a private family as chauffeur.

Dudley Marks is in Boston with a manufacturing concern.

Orlando Stevens is in the fruit business in Oakland, Cal.

Howard Freeman is an artist for a newspaper in Newark, N. J.

Fred St. Onge is on the vaudeville stage doing a tramp bicycle act.

Pete Berlo is building motors in Boston.

Frank Butler has got a chicken farm up the state.

Harvey Hutchins is a dentist in this city.

The Clark boys are in the plumbing business in Boston.

A. A. Zimmerman is running a hotel in Freehold, N. J.

Tom Lynch is running an automobile station in California.

Baby Gibson is running a hat store in St. Louis.

Frank Mayo is working as a paper cutter in Boston.

Eddie McDuffie is running a touring car for a private family in New York.

Louis Mettling is in the west doing a bicycle act with Billy Bean of Cambridge. They will leave for Europe in March.

The Bicycling World of New York in commenting on some of the interesting incidents and comments on the six-day race that did not form part of the news, has the following in regard to Keegan and Moran:

The "Irish team" Moran and Keegan—came in for a great deal of sympathy. They were penalized a lap as a result of the retirement of their respective partners, McLean and Turville, and, strive as they would, were not able to win it back. When, on Saturday evening, it was announced that they would be called from the track five minutes before the finish, there were cries of "Give them a chance!" from the galleries, and only the announcement that the rule making this necessary had been in force four successive years availed to still them.

There was considerable friction developed between the two men, although it never came to an open rupture. Keegan was wild to force the fighting all along the line in order to regain the lap. "Do or die" was his motto, meaning that he favored perpetual hammering away until a weak spot was found and a gain made. If they killed themselves in the attempt—figuratively speaking, of course—and failed, they were no worse off, as the best they could do was get eighth money, while if they were out two or three of the weaker teams it would be so much clear gain.

Moran, however, held that tactics of this kind were useless, that all must be lapped or none, and that only a sprint would win it. The two men wrangled over this for two days, and Moran finally carried his point.

"There are not wanting good judges who think that Keegan's plan was the better and the more likely to succeed. A waiting game suited the leaders and did not suit the two lapped men. There were weak spots—notably the Frenchman and Monroe, and a determined and sustained assault might very easily have put an entirely different face on the matter. But the opportunity was lost, and Keegan and Moran had little to show for their long ride.

Money deposited this week in the Five Cents Savings bank begins to draw interest Saturday, Jan. 2nd.

IN FALL RIVER

CURTAILMENT IS NOT LIKELY YET.

FALL RIVER, Dec. 31.—Although there has been more or less talk during the last few days that some of the mills were contemplating running on short time there is not much probability of such action being taken at least for the present. Treasurers who are willing to talk on the subject state that they do not wish to curtail unless absolutely forced to do so by the condition of the cotton market. Actual cotton cannot be purchased today at less than 14½ cents a pound, and any great advances beyond this would prohibit the manufacture of goods with any chance of a profit. When the time arrives that a certain loss confronts the manufacturers of cotton cloth a curtailment movement might be resorted to, but agents say that that state of affairs has not been reached yet in this city and the policy will be to run the mills the full time if that is possible.

The non-delivery of cotton bought at lower prices than present quotations is the most serious factor in the situation at present and there is no doubt that there is a large quantity that should be coming forward that fails to arrive, and the sales notes representing this cotton have not been issued by one or two firms but are quite widely distributed. The southerner is a very unsatisfactory individual to do business with when the market is going against him and brokers are kept on the anxious seat wondering how many contracts are to be defaulted. Already steps are being taken to prevent a repetition of the complications which have come about because of this failure of southern firms and it is proposed to have uniform sale notes used by all the brokers with a margin posted at the time the contract is made.

MORE BAD MONEY

IS BEING CIRCULATED IN MANCHESTER.

MANCHESTER, Dec. 31.—Because two men who are alleged to have passed counterfeit money in Manchester have been placed under lock and key is no reason that business men and citizens should be less cautious in the examination of the money they now receive. As proven by several cases reported to the police within the past few days, the bad bills are still "circulating" about the city, or else some other "shover of the queer" is getting in his fine work in the wake of Messrs. Wiggin and Wilson. Within a few days two $10 bills have been passed in local saloons and have been received without suspicion on the part of the proprietors until they came to bank their money and were informed by the bank experts that they were so much out.

This morning another $5 bill of the variety in imitation of the Morristown, N. J., Iron bank's paper was brought to the police station and placed in Chief Healey's collection of fine penwork exhibits. It was found by Grocer J. N. Lacourse of Manchester street in his money drawer, and he is unable to tell how he got it beyond the fact that it came in some time yesterday afternoon. The police are in doubt whether these late found bills were passed by counterfeiters or by some innocent person who received them when the flood of bad bills was spreading in Manchester, and who have kept them in circulation without detecting their spurious nature. The last bill found is as good an imitation as the others and had been worn ragged and soiled to make it appear that it had been in circulation a good while.

HEAVY SENTENCE

JAMES BLAKE RECEIVED EIGHT YEARS.

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Dec. 31.—James Blake, alias John Lombard, recently convicted of assault with intent to kill on Chief of Police Maurice Fitzgerald of Ware, was yesterday sentenced in the superior court to serve eight years in state prison.

For Colds

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Here are some lots of seasonable goods for men and boys that have had quickstep prices put to them.

In reading of this sale of winter goods it should be remembered that we don't sell trash. No unworthy thing finds a place in our store.

These are all regular stock—carefully selected—that we know to be the worthiest goods at first prices that money could buy. They are worth as much today—to you—as they ever were, although you get them now for one-third to one-half less than yesterday.

Men's Wool Fleeced Underwear 35c

A handsome steel mixture, shirts made with broad satin fronts—shirts and drawers finished with pearl buttons, double seams, all sizes today, 30 to 46. Equal to any 69c garment sold—for only - - - 35c

Men's Fine Fawn Jersey Underwear 35c

Full winter weight, shirts handsomely finished with silk front, pearl buttons and French neck. Drawers with deep English bands, patent gusset and buttons—sizes today 32 to 42. Were great value for 50c, the lot marked now - - 35c

8 Dozens Boys' Lined Leather Gloves and mittens, with wool wrists—today all sizes—an excellent quality for 25c, all today marked - - - - - 19c

18 Dozens Men's Heavy Leather Gloves and mittens, with wool wrists, the end of a large lot—today - - - - - - 25c

Men's Fleeced Underwear 25c

The greatest value we ever advertised. Very heavy fleeced shirts and drawers, in the popular Jaeger mixture — shirts finely finished with French necks and pearl buttons. Drawers, self fronts and pearl buttons, twin needle seams and double cuffs—a regular 50c quality today for only - - - - - 25c

Men's Lined and Unlined Leather Gloves with wool wrists or plain leather. A collection of several lots of 50c goods. All marked today - - - - - - 39c

10 Dozens Men's Winter Caps—double band golf shape, made from excellent all wool heavy cheviots—were 50c, today for 35c

Boys' Fleece Lined Underwear 19c.

Twelve dozens only in this lot, but remarkable for the price. A neat brown mixture, nicely made with double seams and double cuffs—regular 25c goods for 19c

Boys' Fleeced Underwear 25c.

In a handsome steel mixture. Shirts and drawers finely finished with pearl buttons—shirts with handsome galloon fronts, regular 38c quality for - - - - - 25c

6 Dozens Boys' Genuine Mohair Tams, the quality sold everywhere for 75c. The remainder of our last purchase, today 37½c

Nine Hundred Pairs Men's Heavy Wool Stockings for one-third off the price—these represent all that we have left of several thousand pairs of Black, Camel's hair and Oxford half hose; this class of goods is sold everywhere for 15c to 20c a pair—we shall close this lot for - . . . . . . 10c a Pair

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Great Work Done by Superintendent Conlon

On a Small Appropriation He Has Made Repairs on Nearly Every Public Building and Has Made Several Permanent Improvements Out of His Regular Appropriation

For some time past the non-partisan organ has from time to time published small paragraphs criticizing adversely the administration of Supt. Conlon of the lands and buildings department, insinuating that he has been extravagant and is incompetent though it makes no direct charge, having searched in vain for something tangible with which to attack him. Finally the paper in question suggests that Supt. Conlon should be dropped from office because he overran his appropriation. The critics of Supt. Conlon, however, overlook the fact that Supt. Whitcomb makes a practice of overrunning his appropriations because that gentleman votes the republican ticket on election day.

A party of employes were discussing the criticisms of Supt. Conlon, at city hall, a few days ago when Foreman Burnham of the lands and buildings department spoke up and said: "It is easy enough for an editor to sit in his office and criticise this or any department with simply a couple of sets of figures to go by but let him take the trouble to investigate some of the work that has been done in the department under the regular appropriation during the year about to close and he will have a different story to write when he has finished."

The Sun reporter yesterday, acting upon the suggestion made a tour of the buildings in charge of Supt. Conlon, and at the close of his trip was convinced that the department this year has done more work for the money allowed it than has been done for several years, and it did work that should have been done long before but which was left for the future to care for.

Leaving city hall the first place visited was the Memorial building, the exterior woodwork of which has been painted for the first time since the building was opened. The building was badly in need of attention and the improvement is marked. Going out to the Moody street school another marked improvement is found. The school yard here backs up against a wall of loose earth and cobbles of the nature of the First street bank which annually slides down upon the car tracks, only much smaller. This bank in rainy weather and in spring has been dropping into the school yard ruining the wooden picket fence which was built, rebuilt and built again after each invasion by the bank until Supt. Conlon put an end to the trouble for all time by constructing a 225 foot stone wall along the edge of the bank.

The Pawtucketville school, the hall and corridors of which were plastered when the school was built and never touched afterward now look resplendent in new kalsomining, done since Supt. Conlon took office. And it might be stated at this point that every school house basement in Lowell has been whitewashed under Supt. Conlon, something that was woefully needed in many of the buildings.

Just below the Pawtucketville school house is the Pawtucketville engine house where Mr. Conlon used a portion of his appropriation to good advantage. Heretofore the floor space in this place was insufficient and one of the horses on the engine was obliged to run around the back of the engine to get to its position at the pole, losing time and frequently slipping down. For several years the firemen wanted the conditions improved and it remained for the present superintendent to give them what they were looking for. By utilizing some of yard space he built a one story brick addition to the building, thus giving room for an additional stall, a new and more convenient side entrance and a more convenient stairway for the firemen. The horse now has a straight road from its stall.

At the Cross street school house Supt. Conlon has put up an 80-foot wall, a new fence and new stairway to the playground; another badly needed permanent improvement made out of the regular appropriation for lands and buildings.

At the ambulance stable a portion of the back brick wall fell out and ordinarily a whole new wall would have been called for but this was Supt. Conlon's particular line of business, and he shored up the wall as a comparatively small cost. In the ambulance yard he replanked the old coal sheds, put in new timbers and a gravel roof and put on sliding doors so as to allow the storing of sleighs, another permanent improvement made out of the regular appropriation. In the health department yard out of his regular appropriation Mr. Conlon built a 60-foot shed for the storage of seven garbage wagons, shingled the roof of the stable and replanked the floor. Other sheds were built out of a special appropriation but these referred to were done with the regular lands and buildings appropriation.

It was not the intention of the reporter to refer to work done by special appropriation but merely to show where the regular appropriation had been spent, but new sheds at the city stables are well worth at least passing notice. In the health department yard are a line of two-story sheds 148x20, in which the wagons are stored in the lower story and the sleighs above. These have been asked for, for years, but until this year the street and health departments were unable to get the money with which to do the work. In the street department yard are a line of two-story sheds 130x24, in the upper story of which the department now stores its oak lumber, which in years gone by used to lie in the yard at the mercy of the elements. In part of these sheds the watering carts and steam rollers are housed. Speaking of these sheds, Foreman Burnham said: "They were built by Mr. Conlon as cheap and as well as any contractor in Lowell could do the work."

Within the street department stable The Sun reporter found a poor, old, gray horse with spinal trouble, bandaged up in a new box stall that Mr. Conlon put in this year. He also built 25 new cribs for the stalls and put in 42 new stall pans, and three new water closets for the employes of the department.

The police station, as has been written before, is a new building with the exception of the walls, having been renovated under a special appropriation for that purpose, made before Supt. Conlon went into office and then added to.

The plans for the improvement of the police station were made out before Mr. Conlon went into office and he found several little matters that he thought should be attended to that were not provided for in the special appropriation and he proceeded to attend to them out of his regular fund. He increased the sink and lavatory facilities in the cell room, for which improvement Councilman J. J. Hayes spoke strongly in the common council. He built an ice box in the cell rooms, a much needed addition to the appointments and he put new water closets in the cells. He put a new floor in the guard room, redecorated the offices of the superintendent and the commissioners and put a new floor in the commissioners' room; changed the plan of the Wentworth library so as to enlarge the office of Probation Officer Slattery and put in a new toilet room up stairs, all this work being done apart from the special police station appropriation.

To describe the improvements and repairs in detail would require more space than can be devoted at this time hence mere mention is made in many cases.

The Varnum school has received a coat of kalsomining throughout and Weed street and new Moody schools have been fitted up with new sashes, made necessary by the explosion.

A list of the other work done is as follows:

Oaklands school, painted outside and basement; Warren street engine house, small brick addition built to give more room to entrance; Lyon street school, sanitary work and new fence in ward room; Central street school, porch repaired; Greene school, new sinks and two rooms kalsomined; London street annex converted into a new building; hose 8 house, new stalls, bathroom and floor; Colburn school, new sinks, building painted outside; Chapel and Cottage street schools, new fences; Fayette street school, repaired porch and roof, new steps and fence; Kirk street school, new fence and water closets; Lexington avenue and Plain street schools, new fences; Armory and sewer department, new fences; made 125 coffins for pauper department; Morrill school, painted inside and outside, basement renovated; truck 2 house, stalls repaired; Agawam street school painted outside and fences repaired; Worthen street school, new stairs and plumbing; West Sixth street school, new floor and other repairs; Lincoln school, general repairs; Anne street, new fences; High, general repairs; Lakeview avenue, new steps; Fourth street engine house, new door and stalls; Cheever street school, new coal bin; hose 6, new floor in barn, repairs on stalls; Charles street school, new fences; Dover street, new floor and fence; engine 2, general repairs on stalls, new hay rack; Butler school, new fence and floors in eight dressing rooms; Tenth street school, repaired porches and general repairs; hose 9, stalls and hay rack; engine 3, repairs on stalls.

From the above it will be seen that not only did nearly every building owned by the city get some share of the appropriation but in several cases Mr. Conlon has made permanent improvements out of his regular appropriation. Old employes are authority for the statement that he has done more work than has been done in any one year by any of his predecessors for a long time back.

He has not only spent the money given him for his department judiciously but in some cases to great advantage and his record will compare favorably with that of any other head of department in the city's employ.

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MAYBE MOODY

Secretary May Manage Campaign

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Even if Ex-Gov. W. Murray Crane should decline the chairmanship of the national republican committee the distinction of supplying the man to manage the next republican campaign may fall to the lot of Massachusetts.

The suggestion has been made and is being seriously considered, that Sec. W. H. Moody shall be asked to become President Roosevelt's campaign manager.

It is doubtful if there is any other man who combines so many qualifications that so peculiarly fit him for the place. He is a politician whom no one ever accuses of being a politician. In fact, when he was in congress some of his friends did not hesitate to say that he was the worst politician that Massachusetts had ever produced, which is saying a good deal. But the proof of the pudding is in the eating, and a politician who lands every time he sets out to make a campaign perhaps knows the rudiments of the game.

Mr. Moody made four campaigns for congress, each of which practically cost him nothing, and every time his majority increased.

Mr. Moody has impressed himself upon his colleagues of the cabinet and public men generally for his good judgment has great fund of what Lincoln would have called "horse sense," and his imperturbable balance. He never slops over, he never gets excited, he never gets unduly elated or unduly depressed. Things may go wrong within him much, but he does not show it.

"Moody doesn't have glass in the top of his head," was the remark of a member of the cabinet, by which he meant that something more than surface observation was necessary to ascertain what was going on inside the secretary's head. Excellent qualities these for a campaign manager.

But he has others. He has a charm of manner which is very captivating. A certain member of the cabinet has called him in affectionate playfulness "Sunny William."

"Moody perpetually radiates good humor," this member remarked. "I don't know whether Moody has a conscience," he added. "But I am quite sure he hasn't a stomach. No man with a digestion or a liver could always be in good temper."

BOSTON MAN

WILL GET THE REWARD OF $3000 FOR ARREST OF ALVORD.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Justice McCall in the supreme court yesterday gave a decision in favor of J. H. Atwood of Boston, who sued Detective J. F. Armstrong of the New York police force for the $3000 reward offered for the arrest of Cornelius L. Alvord, Jr., the defaulting official of the First National bank of this city. Alvord was captured in Boston and several persons besides Atwood and Armstrong claimed the reward, which has not yet been paid. Justice McCall decided that Atwood is entitled to it.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

A successful open meeting and smoke talk was held by Lowell lodge, International Association of Machinists at their hall in Central street last night. The attendance was very large and as an invitation had been sent out to non-union machinists to attend, there were a good many of the latter present. A fine address on unionism was delivered by Walter Ames, seventh vice president of the International association, and Stewart Reid, one of the organizers of the American Federation of Labor.

The local lodge elected officers for the ensuing term at their last meeting and these will be installed next Friday evening at the regular meeting. A complimentary dance is to be conducted by the lodge, and the committee which was appointed recently to make the necessary arrangements, report that everything points to a very successful affair.

The regular meeting of Court Gen. Shields, F. of A., was held last night and there was a large attendance of members. The principal business of the evening was the election of officers for the ensuing term, which resulted as follows: C. R., Dennis Hallisey; S. C. R., William C. Boles; treasurer, Thomas Keegan; recording secretary, John Hanley; financial secretary, James H. Cox, senior woodward, Joseph Clare; junior woodward, John McNulty; senior beadle, Anthony Ferrello; junior beadle, James E. Lang; trustee for three years, Thomas Moss; lecturer, Michael M. Mullen; physician for one year, Dr. A. J. Halpin.

Mechanics Lodge, I. O. O. F., met in regular session last night and the following officers were elected for the ensuing six months: Noble grand, John J. Preston; vice-grand, William J. Samson; recording secretary, Frank B. Wright; financial secretary, Daniel B. H. Bartlett; treasurer, Adelbert M. Huntoon; trustee for three years, Frank A. Fletcher.

BOWLING NEWS.

The All-Stars defeated the Wonders by the score of 775 to 771 in a close and highly interesting game at Les Miserables alleys last night. It looked pretty blue for the All-Stars during the early part of the game, but a Garrison finish in the last string was the one which told the story and won the game for them. The score:

All-Stars—Larkin 161, Shields 136, Winn 126, McCarthy 125, Murphy 209; total, 775.

Wonders—Sullivan 153, Casey 178, Welch 180, Fitzgerald 161, McQuade 152; total, 771.

CENTRALVILLE CLERKS WON.

The Centralville Clerks defeated the Combines on Les Miserables alleys last night in a rather one-sided game, the boys from across the bridge being too much for their opponents. The score:

Centralville Clerks—Hobin 212, McNeal 227, Laundre 240, J. O'Brien 241, D. O'Brien 237; total, 1221.

Combines—Stearns 231, McDonald 238, Snowman 236, Butterfield 270, Perren 231; total, 1164.

E Z MARKS WERE E Z.

Murty's Collectors defeated O'Brien's E Z Marks last night on Les Miserables alleys by a score of 862 to 755. The score:

Murty's Collectors—Murty Sullivan 195, Mick Casey 150, Mullin 115, Mick McCloskey 212, Fitzgerald 190; total, 862.

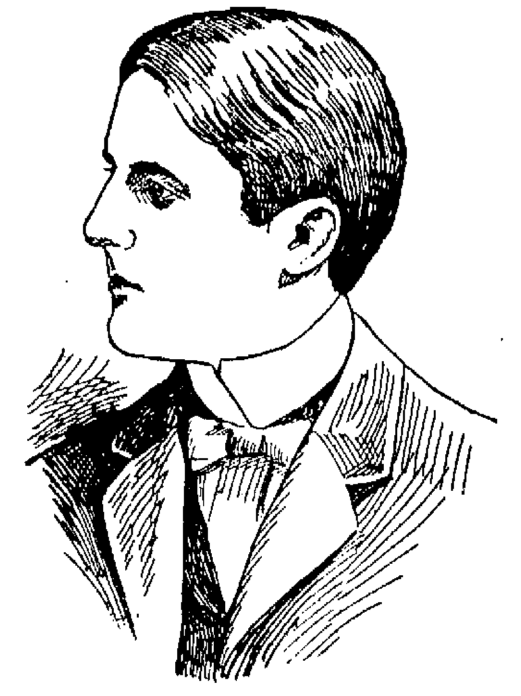
O'Brien's E Z Marks—D. O'Brien 100, Mickey Larkin 180, Jim Duffy 175, Puck O'Brien 150, Hovey 150; total, 755.

POLO RESULTS.

At Chelsea—Chelsea 6, Lawrence 0

At Woburn—Salem 6, Woburn 5.

Edward Everett Adams announces that he will keep open house at his studio, suite 15, Odd Fellows' Temple, Friday evening, Jan. 1, from 8 to 10.30. A cordial invitation is extended to all his friends to call during the evening.



ARTHUR LYMAN.

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Lowell Boy Died in Boston

Arthur Lyman of this city died yesterday at the Massachusetts General hospital in Boston, where he had been confined for several weeks past. His death was not expected and the sad news came as a shock to his many friends and acquaintances.

He served during the Spanish-American war and on his return entered Yale college, and while there received an injury to his right leg, which later developed into so serious a case that his attending physician advised him to go to the Massachusetts General hospital and have the injured member amputated. He did so, and the operation proved, apparently, very successful. It was not long before the patient was enjoying his usual good health. Of late, however, he complained of a return of his illness and recently he was again advised by his physician to visit the hospital at Boston. He did so, and, although everything that medical skill could suggest was done to save the young man's life, he grew worse until death came.

Mr. Lyman was a son of Edward Lyman of Wilder street, mechanical engineer for the Bigelow Carpet company. He is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Frank H. Putnam, and two brothers, Ralph B. and Harry Lyman.

He was a student at the Yale Medical school in New Haven, this being his senior year. He came to Boston to witness the recent Yale-Harvard game and afterwards came to his home in this city. While in Lowell he was taken ill and rapidly grew worse.

THEATRE FIRES

Some of the Big Fires in 27 Years

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Nothing like yesterday's horror has been known in the history of the city, or probably in the world's history. As the bodies were taken out of the theatre they were laid in rows on the sidewalk because they could not be moved quickly enough to the morgues. All kinds of trucks were pressed into service. In a short time the morgues and hospitals were piled high with bodies, until several places refused to take any more.

Prior to the burning of the Iroquois there have been four theatrical fires, which are regarded as the most serious in the annals of the stage. The first was that of the Park Theatre, Brooklyn, on the night of Dec. 5, 1876. The building occupied the site where the Brooklyn Eagle now stands and was an old and rather dilapidated structure.

At that time the attraction was "The Two Orphans," in which Kate Claxton, Charles R. Thorne and Harry Murdoch were playing the leading roles. When the fire was discovered it was not considered a serious matter and a member of the company came before the curtain and announced that on account of a slight accident the audience would be dismissed, but that there was plenty of time and no danger.

BETWEEN 275 AND 300 DEAD.

The members of the company were slow in leaving the stage, but the fire gained so rapidly that the players were compelled to make their escape through an underground passage to the street.

Harry Murdoch, a well-known Boston actor, and formerly a member of the famous Arthur Cheney company at the old Globe theatre in Boston, it is thought, went back to secure some of his property and was overcome. Claude Burroughs, who had been playing the role of Picard, was also lost. The audience became panic-stricken and were crushed, suffocated and burned.

Between 275 and 300 bodies were taken from the ruins, but there were probably many more incinerated beyond recognition. It was this fire which caused the remodelling of nearly every playhouse in the country and to the framing of building laws for the protection of the public.

Then came the burning of the Opera Comique in Paris in May, 1887. This building was supposed to be fireproof, and while there was much damage done to the structure, the greatest loss of life was caused by suffocation and being trampled to death.

In this fire over 130 lives were lost, and the managing director of the house was imprisoned for three months and fined 20,000 francs. The fireman of the establishment was also incarcerated for a month.

Dec. 8, 1882, occurred the greatest holocaust which Europe has ever suffered. It was at the Ring Theatre, Vienna, and here, too, the loss of life was chiefly occasioned by suffocation and trampling. At that fire the dead were estimated at 447.

CHARITY BAZAAR FIRE.

In recent years has occurred a disaster which, although not strictly speaking a theatrical fire, is numbered among the amusement calamities of the world. It was at the charity bazaar given in Paris in May, 1897. The fete was taking place in what is termed "Old Paris," on Rue Jean Goujon. When the fire broke out there was a general stampede, and history states that the men fought for their lives to the detriment of the women.

The loss of life was over 125 persons, nearly all of whom were women. Among the dead was the Duchess d'Alencon, a sister of the Empress of Austria, and there were many others of almost equal prominence.

FEW FATAL FIRES.

London has been singularly free from disastrous theatrical fires in recent years. Playhouses have been burned, but it was at a time when they were unoccupied. This country, too, with the exception of the Park Theatre and the present dreadful affair, has been very fortunate, considering the number of theatres here, and while many have been destroyed, it has heretofore been when they were empty.

LIVES IN BILLERICA

BUT COLLIER WILL BE PRESIDENT OF CHELSEA ALDERMEN.

Forrest E. Collier, who has been selected in a caucus as president of the 1904 Chelsea board of aldermen, is unique among the city fathers of Greater Boston, for while he sits at stated intervals with the solons in Chelsea city hall, he lives in Billerica.

Mr. Collier recently married a charming Billerica girl and moved to that town. He starts Jan. 1 on the second year of his term as alderman.

He is the son of Abram T. Collier, vice-president of the Shawmut National bank of Boston, and was born in Chelsea. He graduated from the public and high schools of his city, was four years in Harvard college and went through a three years' course in the Harvard Law school. Mr. Collier is a lawyer by profession. He is the youngest member of the Chelsea board.

GO 'LONG THERE

ICE TROTTING WILL BE IN ORDER SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

If the ice on the Merrimack is in good condition Saturday afternoon the local horsemen will have some good sport.

John Maguire has been engaged in preparing a track and he says that if the weather continues cold everything will be in apple pie order for good racing Saturday afternoon. The entrance fee will be reasonable and good prizes will be offered.

CHECK DISEASE

WATER IN HORSE TROUGHS SHUT OFF AT LAWRENCE.

In accord with a request of the board of health in Lawrence the water in the horse water troughs of that city was turned off yesterday morning by the water department. The request was made to Supt. Collins by Agent Smith Tuesday afternoon and the reason is understood to be because of the existence of glanders in that city at the present time.

NEW CHARGE D'AFFAIRES.

COLON, Dec. 31.—Henry Moet, who has been appointed French charge d'affaires at Panama arrived here yesterday and was received with honor by the officers of the military and police. He paid a formal visit to Gov. Melendez.

FOURTH REUNION

Of the High School Alumni

The fourth annual reunion under the auspices of the High school alumni was held last night at the High school annex and a large number turned out to enjoy the festivities, former graduates being very much in evidence while the students of the High school at the present time were well represented to say nothing of a number of friends of the graduates and students of the school. The affair was under the auspices of the classes of '96, '97, '98, '99, '00, '01, '02, '03 and '4. It proved to be the most brilliant social success ever undertaken by the students.

The hall was simply decorated, the flags of the different classes being suspended from the ceiling. The matrons occupied a conspicuous position on the right hand side of the hall where they exchanged greetings with former students.

There was a large representation of the students of the Normal school present as well as students from various women's colleges throughout the state. Many of the college boys home for the Christmas vacation availed themselves of the opportunity to participate in the function.

Shortly after eight o'clock Chairman Winfred MacBrayne called to order and stated that one of the purposes of the function was to broach the idea of the formation of an alumni association. He said that in past years efforts have been made by various classes to form such an organization but that for some reason or other these organizations did not become permanent. Remarks of a similar nature were also made by Principal Cyrus Irish and Mr. Carl Burtt.

The concert program was given between eight and nine o'clock by Hadley's orchestra, and was pleasantly received by the large assemblage. An intermission was taken during which a light collation was served.

Dancing followed continuing until midnight.

The members of the committee having charge of the affair are as follows, each class from 1896 up to the present time being represented:

Winfred C. MacBrayne, '00, chairman; Miss Marion Hill, '04, secretary; William A. Driscoll, '04, treasurer; Robert E. Goodell, '96, Miss Ethel Whitcomb, '96, Dr. Frank Leahey, '96, Miss Elsie Puffer, '96, Stanley E. Qua, '97, Miss Alice Bacheller, '97, Josiah Butler, '97, Miss Katherine Coggeshall, '97, Miss Alice Richardson, '97; William H. Howard, '97, Miss Alice Duckworth, '97, Miss Ida A. Woodies, '97, Miss Evelyn Pierce, '97, Miss Maud Young, '97, Miss Linda Stearns, '98, Miss Ardell Roper, '98, Robert Elliott, '98, Joseph Wright, '98, Miss E. K. Smith, '98, Frank Brady, '98, Miss Edith Richardson, '99, Dana B. Whipple, '99, Miss Florence Gray, '99, John J. Rogers, '99, Ralph Bean, '99, Miss Madeline Crevier, '00, Arthur Lovejoy, '00, Miss Alice Rowell, '00, Lester Russell, '00, Arnold S. Halstead, '01, Miss Edna Thompson, '01, Willard Parker, '01, Miss Bertha Abbott, '01, Miss Grace Pearson, '01, Miss Catherine Whittaker, '01, Orrin Wing, '02, Miss Amy G. Beal, '02, Carl Stocks, '02, Miss Helen Stearns, '02, Miss Alice Gray, '02, Herbert Horne, '03, Miss Eva Young, '03, Miss Ruth Favor, '03, Miss Katherine Rafter, '03, Miss Eleonore Rivet, '03, Miss Ella Proctor, '03, Miss Gertrude Teague, '04, William L. Gookin, '04, Miss Margaret Teague, '04, Burton Carey, '04, Miss Margaret Snow, '04, Felton Moody, '04, Melvin Master, '04.

The school organizations are as follows:

Athletic Association—Melvin Master, president; Ruth Eaton, secretary; Joseph Sargent, treasurer.

Debating Club—William A. Driscoll, president; Edna Cutter, secretary.

Foot Ball Team—Melvin Master, captain; Marcus Cole, manager; Robert B. Parker, assistant manager.

Girls' Basket Ball Team—Blanche Hunking, captain; Carl D. Burtt, manager.

Boys' Basket Ball Team—Carl Bicknell, manager; Charles Seede, captain.

Track Team—Freeman M. Hallett, captain; Harry Hatch, manager.

Matrons—The High school teachers; Mrs. Cyrus W. Irish, Mrs. Carl D. Burtt.

The officers of the different classes are as follows:

Class of '96—Cecil Adams, president; Charlotte Cheney, vice president; Annie Paul (deceased) secretary; Percy Moody, treasurer; Arthur Phelan (deceased) sergt-at-arms.

Class of '97—Harold Caverly, president; Alice Richardson, vice president; Mary H. Coburn, secretary; John Seede, treasurer; George M. Spear, sergt.-at-arms.

Class of '98—Thomas O'Donnell, president; Edith Dempsey, vice president; Ardell Roper, secretary; Fred Gorman, treasurer; Dennis Murphy, sergt.-at-arms.

Class of '99—John J. Rogers, president; Edith Richardson, vice president; Dana B. Whipple, treasurer; Florence Gray, secretary; Ralph Bean, sergt.-at-arms.

Class of '00—Frederic Russell, president; Joshua Herrick, vice president; Leslie Adams, second vice president; Arthur Lovejoy, treasurer; Anna Coughlin, secretary, Frank O'Sullivan, sergt.-at-arms.

Class of '01—Carlton Staples, president; William Spalding, vice president; Lucia Johnson, second vice president; Grace Pearson, secretary; Francis Jantzen, treasurer; Harry McCue, sergeant-at-arms; Burnett Sweatt, assistant sergt.-at-arms.

Class of '02 Townsend Hill, president; Stephen Kearney, vice president; Ruth Wilder, second vice president; Helen H. Stearns, secretary; Harry W. Coburn, Jr., treasurer; Phillip Garrigan, asst. sergt.-at-arms.

Class of '03—John Mather, president; Eleonore Rivet, vice president; Rachel Flint, secretary; Ralph Sanders, treasurer; Henry Packer, sergt.-at-arms.

Class of '04—Melvin Master, president; Ruth Bailey, vice president; Margaret Teague, second vice president, Margaret Snow, secretary; Carl Bicknell, treasurer; Thomas Varnum, sergt.-at-arms; George Coburn, asst. sergt.-at-arms.

FRANKLIN DEBATING CLUB.

The Benjamin Franklin Debating club held its regular meeting last night and considerable business of importance was transacted. The committee on arrangements for the public debate to be held at the First Trinitarian church next month reported that all arrangements were complete, and that the subject would be: "Resolved, that immigration is detrimental to the United States." The Franklin Debating club upholding the affirmative side, the Solon Stevens Debating club upholding the negative. The literary exercises of the evening consisted of a debate. Three members of the club debating against the three members that are to debate on Jan. 7.

Officer Joseph Lamoureaux is on the sick list.

DREW SEATS

NEW CITY COUNCIL ASSIGNED TO PLACES.

The new city council attended city hall last evening and drew seats for the incoming year. Several candidates for offices in the gift of the city council were on hand to get acquainted.

The seats in the board of aldermen were drawn as follows: Alderman Gallagher, 1; Alderman Carmichael, 2; Alderman Taylor, 3; Alderman Gerow, 4; Alderman Hill, 5; Alderman Miskella, 6; Alderman Fairweather, 7; Alderman Wilson, 8; and Alderman Grant, 9. Aldermen Gerow and Wilson were not in attendance and their seats were drawn respectively by Messrs. Fairweather and Grant.

The seats in the lower branch were drawn as follows: Councilmen Dodge, 1; Cosgrove, 2; Barry, 3; W. J. Hayes, 4; J. J. Hayes, 5; McLaughlin, 6; Cronan, 7; Donohue, 8; Quinn, 9; Peterson, 10; Blake, 11; Connors, 12; (no number 13); Baldwin, 14; Crosby, 15; Welch, 16; Cheney, 17; Worcester, 18; Braden, 19; May, 20; McIntyre, 21; Fleming, 22; James H. Fleming, 23; Palm, 24; J. Mahoney, 25; McAloon, 26.

After the drawing several swaps were made.

After the drawing the republican members of the board of aldermen held a conference and there was much speculation as to the topics discussed. It was the general impression that the chairmanship of the board was the principal matter discussed.

NEW YORK CITY

PREPARING TO BID FOR THE CONVENTION.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—A mass meeting of citizens was held here yesterday to form an organization, the purpose of which is to try to secure the democratic national convention for New York in 1904.

President Charles V. Fornes of the board of aldermen said that any understanding that the meeting had been called by him was a misapprehension and declined to preside as chairman. Remarks favoring New York as the place for the convention were made and the assistance of the Merchants' association in a non-partisan way was pledged, after which the meeting adjourned subject to the call of J. Edward Simmons, who it is said, had agreed to act as treasurer of the funds to be raised.

CONCERT AND BALL

UNDER AUSPICES OF MERRIMACK LODGE.

The second annual concert and ball of Merrimack lodge, No. 256, I. O. B. A. was held last night at Highland hall and was a very successful affair. About five hundred were present, including a number from Boston, Lawrence, Haverhill and Nashua. Music was furnished by Hibbard's orchestra.

During the early part of the evening a fine musical and literary program was given, and after a brief intermission the grand march, the most brilliant feature of the evening, was announced. The long line of couples was led by Mr. and Mrs. Dunn, followed by Mr. and Mrs. Goldenberg, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kaplan, Mr. and Mrs. Silverblatt, Mr. M. and Miss F. Goldenberg, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Walsh and others.

Coffee and cake was served by a committee consisting of Mesdames P. Goldenberg, H. Rosenbloom, J. Dunn, Max Goldenberg, E. Gerson and D. Siskind.

The officers of the affair follow: Floor director, Joseph Dunn; assistant floor director, Max Goldenberg, and a number of aids; reception committee, H. Rosenbloom, H. Herman, S. Goldenberg.

The officers of the lodge are: President, D. Siskind; vice-president, A. S. Gerson; treasurer, M. Goldenberg; secretary, M. Freedman.

CHESS CONTESTS

HARVARD FIRST AND YALE SECOND.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The Harvard chess team won the quadrangular inter-collegiate tournament yesterday with a record of nine games won and three lost. Yale, beaten by Harvard two and a half to one and a half yesterday, was second, with seven won and five lost. Columbia took three games from Princeton and went into third place with 4½ won and 7½ lost.

Princeton was last with 3½ won and 8½ lost.

Time was when the jeweler's stock was much the same all the year round. Now there are fashions and fads as in other lines. We make it our business to keep abreast or ahead of such changes and secure the best and latest designs in WATCHES, CHAINS, PINS and jewelry of every description. Our stock forms an interesting exhibit and we cordially invite you to inspect it. We shall let the goods urge to buy.

HARRIS, 10 Appleton St.

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For Sale by
C. B. COBURN & CO.
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"All Things Come to Him Who Waits"

EVERYBODY **WAIT** FOR THE

PARTHENAIS ASSIGNEE SALE

Upper Merrimack Street, Just Above Tilden Street

No attempt is made to outdo others in this business announcement in the use of adjectives or figures, that really mean nothing. It takes but few words to tell the story—A complete stock of goods in one of the most attractive and orderly stores in Lowell must be turned to money.

HEART TO HEART TALK

TO THE PURCHASING PUBLIC OF LOWELL AND VICINITY:

In the effort to do our full duty in the interest of Parthenais Bros.' creditors, we desire to press before the public just what the prospective Assignees' Sale means. We will try:

1st. Parthenais Bros., one of the best known Clothing Houses in Lowell, one week ago, after a struggle of weeks, were obliged to announce to creditors, their inability to pay their bills.

2d. Parthenais Bros. then assigned. That is, they made over all their property to the Assignees named below, with the understanding that these two Assignees being acceptable to creditors, should take such steps as to disposal of all property as would yield best results to creditors. Such a step is taken that all creditors may be protected.

3d. So much done. What remains to do is quickly told and will be quickly done. The creditor's one pre-eminent interest is to get their money. All if they can—a good part anyway. First the heavy stock of men and women's clothing, underwear, boots, shoes, hats, caps, trunks, bags, furnishings, must be inventoried. This we believe by employing a large force can be done in four days and nights. It must be done in that time. This will bring us to Friday morning. Then at 9 o'clock, with an adequate force of clerks, competent to converse with any and all the nationalities in the city, with sufficient police aid to keep things moving swiftly and orderly, we shall sell this tremendous stock.

4th. Understand the plain United States of this situation. The representatives of the creditors of Parthenais, are for the time being in actual possession of every piece of this stock. It is the creditor's sale. The creditors have no use for the goods for the reason there is no way of equitable distribution. The money is what they must have, for money is the only medium by which each may receive his part. So we sell. It is useless to speak of prices. The goods will be marked to sell. To sell quick. All concerned in sale have their own business affairs to look after, so that the sale must necessarily be a rush. Time is money with us. Come to sale expecting something not in the line with the ordinary lady's shopping--but come, we shall make every effort to keep things moving, but always in order.

5th. One word more. We doubt if ever before the man or woman "hard-up" in Lowell or vicinity, ever had the opportunity to make good money go so far as they will in this sale. We hope they never will again, for such chances come with hard times. Remember too that the goods are of high character. It is the normal stock of the Parthenais Bros., and you know their reputation has always been "good goods." The worst of the winter is yet to come and it is reasonable to expect winters hereafter in regular succession. NOW you can buy for future needs, summer or winter. There is no excuse of any human being lacking wearing apparel hereabout on account of "high cost of living." Go to the sale. If you can't get in Friday, go Saturday. If you can't squeeze in Saturday, try again Monday. You can't fail to find abundance that you need, if not at the opening, then later.

Come! Bring your relatives and friends, but leave the children at home.

CHARLES L. KNAPP,
GEORGE W. RAY,
Assignees.

Not an "Annual January Mark-Down Sale"--Not a "Clearance Sale"

But a peremptory sale of goods following business failure—of a stock of goods equalled in size in Lowell in few instances—in quality not surpassed by any. Sold in the midst of the most depressing period in Lowell's history. Sold at the very worst time of year. Such are the conditions. The prices must be made to meet the conditions.

Tomorrow Morning at 9 o'clock

DON'T BE KEPT AWAY FOR FEAR OF A CRUSH

Police Protection Will be Always Present. If You Fail to Get in the First Day, Come Again

COME! COME! COME!

CHICAGO HORROR

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employer in caring for the wants of the public. Wages are to have no consideration.

(Signed) "ALBERT YOUNG."

BOTH DERANGED.

Shortly after the alarm of fire had been turned in Miss Irene Humphrey, a member of the Bluebeard company, escaped from the theatre in her stage costume. A cousin of Miss Humphrey, Helen Wall, ran from the theatre by another direction at the same time. Each of the women thought that her cousin had been injured or killed in the fire and frantically cried to be permitted to return to the theatre. Before either could learn of the other's safety both became temporarily deranged. They were taken to the Saratoga hotel and although both are still prostrated, neither of them received serious injuries. They were from New York and had not been separated since the company left that city.

MADE THEIR ESCAPE.

Two of the first persons that succeeded in getting out of the tomb of fire and death were little Joe Graham, 12 years old, and Dorothy Bour, a companion of the same age, from Woodland park. Youthful grit saved them. They were seated in the parquette 10 rows back from the stage.

"When Eddie Foy stepped to the front of the stage and told us to keep still we decided we could get out despite his assurances that there was no danger," said the boy. "Four women fainted near me and nearly all the others seemed dazed and just sat still. We got up and kicked one of the doors open. I think a lot of the others in the theatre could have come, too, if they had not been so scared. When we got outside we waited until they brought a dead man out and then we started for home."

PLAYMATES SEPARATED.

The fire separated two little girls who had been playmates for life. One of them escaped unhurt and ran to her father's office nearby, where an hour later she accompanied him to the morgue, where her little playmate had been taken. The one who was saved was the daughter of Harry Parker, superintendent of the Plamondon Manufacturing company, while her companion who was knocked down and trampled on and killed was the daughter of W. R. Davis, head foreman of the same company. The girls had been at the theatre together and when the cry of fire sounded they began to make their way toward the exits on the main floor. Hand in hand they struggled with the crowd until a man whom the Parker girl describes as weighing 200 pounds, dashed between them. This separated them and the Davis girl was lost in the crowd and killed.

NOT FIRST FIRE.

Stage hands of the theatre said today that the fire of today was the second which had occurred in the theatre since its opening, something over a month ago.

Three weeks ago last Sunday they declared fire broke out in the dressing room underneath the stage, but it was extinguished without coming to the knowledge of the audience. Slight damage was done to several dressing rooms and a number of costumes were destroyed before the flames were extinguished. The fire department was not called and no report of the blaze was made to the city authorities.

Never was there a busier night in Chicago than last. All night long hundreds of people were going between the police station and the hospitals and the morgue first to one and then the other, then back again seeking news of missing friends and relatives and trying to identify the dead.

At the central police station within one and one-half squares from the theatre a dozen policemen were kept busy all night taking names and descriptions of missing people. In the squad room of the station the lists of injured received from hospitals and from police stations were read to the crowd. The throngs were silent while the names were read except for an occasional outbreak of sobbing as someone recognized in the description, the injury or death, the name of a friend or relative.

The hospitals were all night long besieged by callers and eager questioners over the telephone. In spite of all this, the work of identification went on but slowly and at 2 o'clock this morning approximately one-fifth of the bodies lying in the rooms of down town undertakers had been recognized by their friends.

PROPRIETORS' STATEMENT.

Will J. Davis and Harry J. Powers, proprietors of the Iroquois theatre, made the following statement:

"So far as we have been able to ascertain as to the cause or causes of the most unfortunate accident of the fire in the Iroquois, it appears that one of the scenic draperies was noticed to have ignited from some cause. It was detected before it had reached an appreciable flame. The city fireman who is detailed and constantly on duty when the theatre is open, noticed it at the same time as the electrician. The fireman, who was only a few feet away, immediately pulled a tube of kilfyre, of which there were many hung about the stage, and threw the contents upon the blaze, which would have been more than enough if the kilfyre had been effective, to have extinguished the flame at once, but for some cause inherent in the tube of kilfyre it had no effect. The fireman and electrician then ordered the asbestos curtain down and the fireman threw the contents of another tube of kilfyre upon the blaze, with no better result. The commotion thus caused excited the alarm of the audience, who immediately started for the exits, of which there were 25, of unusual width, all opening out and ready to the hand of any one reaching them. The draft thus caused, it is believed, had before the curtain could be entirely lowered, produced a bellying of the asbestos curtain, causing a pressure on the guides against the solid brick wall of the proscenium, thus stopping its descent. Every effort was made by those on the stage to pull it down but the draft was so great, it seemed that the pressure against the proscenium wall and the friction caused thereby was so strong that they could not be overcome. The audience became panic stricken in their efforts to reach the exits and tripped and fell over each other and blocked the way. The audience was promptly admonished and importuned by persons employed on the stage and in the auditorium to be calm and avoid any rush, that the exits and facilities for emptying the theatre were ample to enable them to all get out without confusion. No expense or precaution was omitted to make the theatre as fireproof as it could be made, there being nothing combustible in the construction of the house except the trimmings and furnishings of the stage and auditorium. In the building of the theatre was sacrificed more space to aisles and exits than any theatre in America. The Iroquois theatre disaster was vastly more destructive to human life than any other playhouse fire in the history of the United States. The fire next to it in point of lives lost, occurred Dec. 5, 1876, in Conway's Brooklyn theatre, Brooklyn, N. Y., where 295 of the audience perished in the flames. The day after Christmas in 1881 while the play "The Bleeding Nun," was being performed in a theatre at Richmond, Va., a fire started that burned 75 persons to death, among them being the governor of the State, George W. Smith.

Occasional panics have occurred from time to time in Chicago theatres, started by false alarms in the theatre or by fire scares, but they had no loss of life.

In the great Chicago fire of 1871 the largest conflagration of modern times, in which 2124 acres were devastated, only 200 lives were lost so far as the most reliable information shows.

IDENTIFYING THE BODIES.

At 2 o'clock this morning, the men in the various undertaking establishments to which the dead had been taken had managed to arrange the bodies in something like order and the work of identification was greatly facilitated and moved with greater rapidity after daylight when more people visited the morgues.

At Rolstons place at 22 Adams street 183 bodies were laid upon tables and floors, and when the police at about 2 o'clock opened their lines to allow the throng to enter, it required all their strength to stem the pressure that was brough to bear upon them as hundreds of people frantic with anxiety strove to be the first to enter the grewsome undertaking rooms. Scores of women fainted before they had gone a dozen steps, while men wholly unstrung staggered as they walked down the aisles and soon had to be assisted from the place by the police. The blankets were removed and the bodies were huddled in long lines on the floors. Thirty deep they lay in furrows, their ghastliness brought out by the glare of the electric lights. Here lay a gray-haired man, his features recognizable and the smoky pallor of his face showing a death from smoke suffocation. Nearby was the body of a child in Fauntleroy costume, his golden curls in vivid contrast to the scarlet color of his face from which every particle of the skin had been torn. His cheeks bore plainly the mark of boot heels, his chest was crushed and it was only too evident that his life had gone out under the heels of the frenzied throng around the doorways. There were dozens of bodies of young women and girls from 18 to 25 years of age. Many of them were elegantly dressed and their clothing or some trinket found will be the only guide to those who know them for their faces have been literally trampled into an unrecognizable mass. Some of the bodies were stripped entirely of clothing and with distorted limbs and mangled and charred features were seen in all their horror. In one respect they were alike. The left arm of nearly very victim was held stiff to the side while the right hand was outstretched as if warding off peril.

At Jordan's on Madison street the dead numbered 139. They were stretched upon the carpets of the little chapel and on the bare floors of the morgue below. The scene here varied only in minor details from the ghastliness seen under the electric lights at Rolstons.

To Sheldon's on West Madison street 41 dead were taken. At Carroll's Wells street, 47; at Gavin's, North Clark street, 49; at Buffum's, on Wabash avenue, 61, and at Perrigo's on State street, 29. Other morgues scattered throughout the city, received smaller numbers. At the county morgue 19 bodies had been received. Of these ten men and two little girls were identified.

PREPARING FOR INQUESTS.

Preparations were made at the morgues for the inquests which will begin today.

Many days will be spent in the inquiry into the fire and several juries will be empanelled in order to expedite matters. Each body has been numbered and the marks of identification placed in an envelope with a corresponding number, and in many cases a bit of scorched ribbon or a trinket may be the only means of establishing identity.

THOROUGH INVESTIGATION.

"We will make every effort to sift this matter to the bottom," said Coroner Traeger this morning. "Someone must be to blame and the fault will be placed where it belongs. If the undertakers are unable to care for all the bodies I will issue orders to throw open some hall where the dead may be placed to await identification."

All night long the crowds came and went around the morgues. There were the heads of families, brothers, sisters and men and women looking for those from outside cities who had been their guests. For hours they passed up and down before the long rows of the dead, searching for the faces of their missing.

SEARCH FOR CHILDREN.

All night long search was kept up for Mary Dorothy Gartz, 12 years old, and Barbara Gartz, four years old, who attended the theatre with their aunt, Mrs. Adelaide Hoptfelt. Today their bodies had not been found and there seemed to be no doubt that the children have perished. They are the daughters of A. F. Gartz, and the nieces of R. T. Crane, the millionaire manufacturer of this city.

Mrs. Hoptfelt was taken from the theatre severely burned about the head and shoulders. The children are believed to have been caught in the crush coming down from the balcony and to have been trampled to death on the staircase leading to the main floor.

Walter Zeisler, 17 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Zimund Zeisler, is among the missing. He is a nephew of Fannie Bloomfield Zeisler, the pianist.

WHOLE PARTY MISSING.

A party consisting of Mrs. Lucy Gartn, her two children, Frank, 10 years, and Willie, 6 years of age, Harriet Wolfe, 10 years old, daughter of Ludwick Wolfe, a millionaire business man, and Miss Burke, a dressmaker, is missing. Mr. Wolfe's entire family searched all night through the hospitals and morgues but failed to find a trace of any member of the party.

Graeme Stewart, republican national committeeman from Illinois, spent the entire night hunting for Mrs. F. H. Fox of Winnetka, Ill., and her three children. Mrs. Fox is the daughter of W. M. Hoyt, who was president of the W. M. Hoyt Grocery Co., one of the wealthiest concerns of the kind in the west. Mrs. Fox was taken home but none of her children was found.

Mr. Stewart said the handkerchief of Hoyt Fox, 12 years old, has been found in the pockets of a suit upon the body of a boy at Rolstons morgue. There is no doubt that it is the boy although the features cannot be identified.

There was a pathetic scene at Rolstons morgue when the body of John Van Ingen, 18 years old, of Kenosha, Wis., was identified. Friends of the Van Ingen family had spent many hours searching at the request of Mr. and Mrs. Van Ingen, who were injured. Today four of the Van Ingen children who were believed to have perished in the fire had not been accounted for. They are: Grace, two years old; Dotty, 5 years; Mary, 10, and Edward, 20 years old.

A SAD SCENE.

One of the saddest of the many scenes enacted in Thompson's restaurant near the theatre, where many of the dead and wounded were taken after the fire, was the search by a party of priests and nuns, headed by the Rev. J. L. Holtinger of Ontonagon, Mich., for Edith Horten and her sister, two young girls who in company with one of the convent sisters had attended the performance. The body of Edith Horten was found in the restaurant, many of the nuns breaking down and weeping bitterly at the sight. The other Horten girl and the sister who accompanied them were not found.

Charles Dexter of the Boston baseball club, and Frank Hauseman, the old Chicago second baseman, with their families occupied a box. Both claim that but for the presence of mind of Eddie Foy the death roll would have been doubled.

When the panic began Dexter and Hauseman each made for and manned a door leading into the alley on the north side of the theatre. The people in the balconies had already commenced to jump to the ground floor when Hauseman and Dexter forced open their doors and they were compelled to lift away the maimed and the dead in order to permit of exits from the ground floor.

Hauseman having escorted his party out took a position at his door and kept it from choking up by assisting people through. Finally forced away by the flames, Hauseman got into the alley just in time to hear the agonized voice of a woman from the window in an upper gallery shrieking "Catch me." As the woman screamed she jumped and Hauseman catching her to the best of his ability broke her fall to the ground and she walked away uninjured.

WHOLE FAMILY DEAD.

Clinton G. Meeker, a clerk in the registry division of the post office, living in the suburb of Irving Park, has probably lost in the fire his entire family, consisting of his wife, two daughters and two sons.

A friend called Mr. Meeker up on the telephone at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and asked him if any of his family had gone to the theatre. He answered that so far as he knew none of them had left home. When he reached the house, however, he found only his mother-in-law there. "Where are Mabel and the children?" he asked.

"They have gone to the Iroquois theatre," was the reply.

"I dropped right down on my knees," said Mr. Meeker, "and prayed that God might spare them."

Today Mr. Meeker had partially identified the bodies of his wife and two daughters. He failed to find any trace of his two sons.

NEGLIGENCE CHARGED.

Among many of the theatrical men employed in the other Chicago theatres, the responsibility for the fire was ascribed today to the careless placing of electric arc light apparatus too close to one of the hanging borders of the scenery. The electrician of a leading Chicago theatre expressed great surprise on hearing that this was considered a possible cause of the fire.

"There would never have been any fire," he said, "if proper care had been exercised in handling the lights. The electric plant of the theatre was installed, as I happen to know, from personal observation, in accordance with every modern requirement for safety. The plant was not to blame. If the facts I have been given are correct, the whole blame rests on the person who placed or was operating a light so closely to the curtain.

PARTIAL LIST OF DEAD.

Following is a partial list of the dead:

HORTENSE LANG, 16.

IRENE LANG, 11, sister of above.

E. A. WILSON.

MRS. W. T. MARSH.

MISS GLADYS STREITON, Alphena, Mich.

LOUISE BUSHNELL.

MRS. A. LAKE, 33, identified at morgue.

MISS A. DONALDSON, 18 years old.

J. RATTLEY, died at hospital. Before death he spoke of two boys who had been with him. Boys thought to have perished.

MRS. PATRICK O'DONNELL, wife of President O'Donnell of Duer Brewing company.

OTTO WALLMAN.

R. H. COULTS.

MISS D. HOWARD.

MISS ROSS, daughter of Dr. Ross.

EDITH NORTON.

HELEN McCANGHAN with party of several High school girls in balcony.

MRS. F. A. MORRILL.

MRS. A. SULLIVAN.

MRS. MINWEGAN, wife of Alderman Minwegan.

MRS. HAGERBAUGH.

C. W. FORBUSH and family.

ANNA STERLING.

Three men employed among flies on stage, names unknown.

FLORLINE, a German aerial performer, died in ambulance.

ETHEL BLACKMAN, 13.

MRS. CAVANAUGH.

Unknown boy, 8 years old.

Two unknown women met death jumping from fire escape while their garments were aflame.

LOUIS BECHRAY.

MARIE WALSH, 15.

MRS. JAMES D. MALONEY.

MISS SPENCER.

ETHEL JONES, daughter of S. P. Jones, attended the theatre with brothers and sisters, two of whom are missing and three accounted for. It was reported at Vaughn's seed store, where the body of Miss Jones was taken, that the mother, an invalid, dropped dead when she received the news of her daughter's death.

MRS. KING, wife of John C. King, the attorney.

LILLIAN PHILLIPSON, six years, identification uncertain.

Boy, 17 years of age, lived at Lafayette, Ind.

MRS. FOREMAN.

WILLIAM BATTLEY, died in hospital.

J. C. JOHNSON, died in hospital.

WILLIAM REED, lawyer, Waukegan, Ill.

HOYT FOX, body at morgue.

MRS. L. R. BUTLER.

S. WARDMAN.

EDMUND M. MORTON, agent Wagner Electric Manufacturing Co., St. Louis.

— NEWBY.

J. A. COCKEMS.

MRS. STERN.

R. DONALDSON.

THE REV. HOWARD STUDLEY, pastor of All Strangers' church.

MISS J. H DODD of Delaware, O.

MISS V. DELEE, daughter of late lieutenant of police.

W. W. HOOPER, Kenosa, Wis.

Five children of H. S. Van Ingen of Kenosha (probable). Father became separated from them and is among the injured.

MILDRED MERRIAM of Ohio, rescued by father, but died on reaching the street.

BERNICE BALLEY.

A. M. MANDEL.

C. A. WINSLOW, commercial traveller of Three Rivers, Minn.

BURR SCOTT.

FORNETTA PETERSON.

HARVEY KIELEY, St. Louis.

THOMAS COUTELL.

EMPERLY HALL.

THOMAS F. FLANAGAN, Indianapolis, Ind.

MRS. M. A. HENRY.

ROSE K. RODGERS.

H. P. MOORE.

C. L. COOPER.

MAY CURRAN.

"MARTIN," a boy of 15.

E. R. WILLIAMS.

R. REGANBERG.

ELLA LINDEN.

— HENDING, a boy.

WALTER B. EISLER.

— NUIR, member travelling passenger agents' association, carried check No. 13,231.

MRS. EMMA BRINKLEY.

RICHARD and ALLEN HOLST.

HAROLD MARTIN, Pullman, Ill.

JOHN HOLLAND.

LULI SHARBARD.

W. D. SPRANG.

CHARLES B. NOLL.

MRS. DAWSON.

— WHITEFON, a boy.

WILLIAM BUTL.

ROBERT MARTIN, son of Principal Martin of Pullman school.

JOHN VAN BINE, Kenosha, Wis.

WALTER BESSINGER, died at hospital.

MARGARET BUERMAN, died at hospital.

MRS. LEO WOLFF, Hammond, Ind., died at hospital.

ALICE KAUSMAN, died at hospital.

HELEN HOWARD, died at hospital.

HELEN COOPER, died at hospital.

B. E. GOULD, died at hospital.

MORTIMER ELDRIDGE.

HELEN BEYERSSLOTH, Evanston, Ill.

REV. HENRY L. RICHARDSON.

LOUIS KASNER and wife, said to have belonged to "Bluebeard" company.

REV. GEORGE H. DUDLEY, pastor of All Saints' Episcopal church.

WALTER B. ZEISLER, son of Dr. Zeisler of the University of Chicago.

LESTER DOTEY, son of L. B. Dotey of Illinois Steel company.

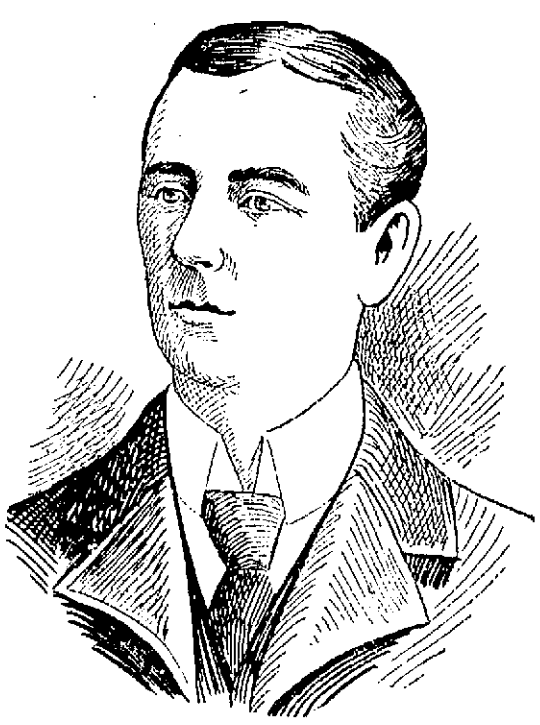
MRS. A. M. MENDEL, wife of a retired banker.

WALTER D. AUSTRAN, aged 11, son of Joseph D. Austran, president of the Lake Michigan Transportation company.

COMEDIAN FOY

TELLS THE STORY OF THE DISASTER.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Eddie Foy, principal comedian in the play, was one of the last to escape by getting out through a rear door after assisting the women members of the company to safety. He went into the Sherman house in his stage costume and with his face covered with grease paint, in order to secure surgical attendance for some burns which he had sustained.



EDDIE FOY, LEADING COMEDIAN OF "MR. BLUEBEARD."

In describing the commencement of the fire, Foy attributed the extent of the catastrophe to the failure of the fireproof curtains to work properly. Because of this, he said the flames readily obtained access to the main part of the theatre and by the draft, carrying with it gas as well as fire, were swept up to the two balconies where the loss of life was greatest.

"The fire began in the middle of the second act," said Mr. Foy. "An electric wire broke, was grounded, and from this the flames were started in the rear of the stage. The stage is unusually wide and there was so great a draft the flames spread rapidly. They soon had attacked all the scenery in the rear of the house. I never believed it possible for fire to spread so quickly. When it first started I went to the footlights and, to prevent alarming the audience, I said that there was a slight blaze and that it would be better for all to leave quietly.

HOW THE COMPANY WAS SAVED.

"Then I stepped back and called for the asbestos curtain to be lowered. This, when about half way down, refused to go farther and thus an additional draft was created. This swept the flames out into the auditorium, and I knew the theatre was doomed.

"I hurried back to the stage and aided in getting the women members of the company into the alley. Some of them were in their dressing rooms and were almost overcome by smoke before they could get down to the stage and to the doors.

"The simple fact that the curtain did not descend entirely was what saved the lives of the company, although it caused such a horrible catastrophe in the front of the house. After the curtain had refused to descend there came the explosion of the gas tanks and with the curtain down all the fire and gas would have been confined between the rear wall of the theatre and the fireproof curtain in front. Under these circumstances it would not have been possible for a single member of the company to escape alive unless he or she had been standing immediately in front of the door leading into the alley. As it was, the draft carried all the gas and fire out before the curtain and the company was saved although their salvation was the death of so many poor people in front."

NEXT TO THE CHICAGO FIRE.

Rarely in the history of Chicago has its people been so stirred as by the calamity of yesterday. It is next to the Chicago fire, the greatest catastrophe that has ever occurred here, and the speed with which it came and went seemed for a brief period to appal the business section of the city. The news spread with great rapidity and in a short time hundreds of men, women and children were rushing toward the theatre.

The building in which the calamity occurred stands midway between State and Dearborn streets on the north side of Randolph street.

Although every available policeman within call of the department was immediately hurried to the spot and the men placed in lines at the end of the block, allowing nobody to enter Randolph street from either Dearborn or State, it was found for a time almost impossible to hold back the frenzied crowd that pressed forward, many of them having friends or relatives in the theatre and anxious to learn something of them.

The conduct of the police was beyond all praise. The officers held their ground firmly, and gently pushed back all those who sought to gain an entrance to the theatre, although in some instances frantic men, anxious to look for their loved ones, actually beat the officers with their fists in their rage at being prevented.

CARRIED OUT EIGHT WOMEN.

In spite of the efforts of the police, however, a large number of people succeeded in breaking through their lines and entering the theatre, and in many cases did heroic work in rescuing the injured and carrying out the dead. Among these was ex-Alderman Wm. H. Thompson, who, unaided, carried to the street the bodies of eight women. The first newspaper men upon the ground also carried out many of the dead and injured.

HOW THEY DIED

PEOPLE SUFFOCATED IN THEIR SEATS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—The classic interior of the theatre, the beautiful plush hangings, the arched windows with their stained glass, the stately pillars became a morgue five minutes after the first little ribbon of flame made its way along the stage. Women and girls in the gallery never had a chance for life. They met the end still seated in their theatre chairs, their poor impotent hands burnt into one cinder with the sides of the seats they had grasped when the panic came.

Others who had managed by the strength of terror to get into the aisles found their awful ending in smoke and fire and tearing of limbs in the passages and in the open space back of the seats. Dozens of others, swept, carried, dragged or thrown out to the stairways and even beyond them down to the landings in actual sight of day light that streamed through the big front doors, in sight of the throngs outside, the fire wagons and the smoking horses, died in great masses, seven and eight feet high, bodies mingled fearfully together, clothing burnt off and faces in their last agonies, all turned toward the doors they could not reach.

EDDIE FOY

TRIED TO QUIET MADDENED PEOPLE.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—The fearful theatre horror was marked by many dramatic features. With death all about him, Eddie Foy, the chief comedian of the company, stood out from the panic-stricken group on the stage and assured the audience there was no danger. The one heroic member of the orchestra that had not fled sat manfully at his task, sawing at his violin for dear life in an effort to drown the screams of the women.

Even as Foy assured the people there was no danger, the great asbestos curtain was let down, caught on one side and failed to work. In another instant smoke burst from the top arch of the stage and from under the bottom of the curtain. Before a man or woman could rise the whole roof of the auditorium was ablaze. Two gas tanks had exploded in the flies on the east side of the theatre, and black, choking fumes beat down in a cloud of death from every wall.

WEDDING GUEST

WM. McLAUGHLIN, NEPHEW OF MRS. GUNSAULUS, A VICTIM.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—William McLaughlin, nephew of Mrs. Frank W. Gunsaulus, who had come to Chicago to attend the wedding of Miss Martha Gunsaulus and Henry H. Scheuler, which is to take place this evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Gunsaulus, 2618 Prairie avenue, was one of the victims of the fire.

McLaughlin was taken from the theatre in a dying condition and expired at the Presbyterian hospital. He was the only son of Rev. and Mrs. McLaughlin, who moved to South America eight years ago. They have been making their home in Buenos Ayres, but their son, who was 21 years old recently returned to the United States to attend the Ohio Wesleyan college at Delaware, O. He had come to Chicago to spend the holidays with Dr. and Mrs. Gunsaulus and to be in attendance at the wedding of his cousin.

Invitations to the wedding have been recalled, and instead of the home celebration originally planned, Dr. Gunsaulus will perform the ceremony in the presence of the family.

DEAD ROBBED

RIGHT UNDER EYES OF THE POLICE.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31—Ghouls, mingling with those who were risking their lives in the cause of humanity, robbed the bodies right and left.

Two men were caught with their pockets bulging with pocketbooks, rings and other valuables. The articles were taken from them by the police and they were allowed to go.

The police themselves gathered up valuable furs, pocketbooks and many articles of value, which were taken to the station.

In neighboring stores, where the dead and injured were carried, drawers were filled with money and valuables taken from the bodies.

There was little attempt on the part of the police to keep any track of the property taken, and men were seen going along the streets robbing the bodies that were lying on the sidewalks under the very eyes of the officers.

SEVERAL BENEFITS

TO BE GIVEN FOR THE CHICAGO FIRE SUFFERERS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The news of the Chicago disaster was followed in New York by the announcement of several benefits for the fire sufferers. S. S. Shubert immediately telegraphed his manager in Chicago to devote the receipts of Wednesday's matinee to the sufferers and announced that the proceeds of Wednesday's matinee of "Winsome Winnie" now here would be devoted to the same cause. The "Red Feather" company will also give a benefit. A number of other managers are considering similar liberal acts.

Al Hayman, Marcus Klaw and Abram Erlanger, the leading members of the theatrical syndicate, who own large interests in the Iroquois theatre, sat in their offices in the New Amsterdam theatre until after midnight eagerly awaiting the telegrams from their Chicago representatives. They were horrified at and bewildered by the numerous reports. Klaw and Erlanger own "Mr. Bluebeard." Their representative said it cost $86,000 to produce it here. About 250 people were with the production on the road tour.

The present "Mr. Bluebeard" company began its tour at Pittsburg Sept. 28.

STRIKING DRIVERS

HAVE DECLARED A TRUCE FOR TEN DAYS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Stunned by the Iroquois theatre disaster the striking livery stable drivers and their employers have each made preparations to supply carriages to meet the emergency. The union leaders declared a truce for 10 days and offered to drive without compensation in the funerals of the victims.

President Albert Young of the union called the members together and talked over the situation. They unanimously agreed to declare a truce until after the funerals of the victims.

The livery owners have arranged for the putting out of every carriage in the city. Non-union drivers have been hired by the score and a notice was sent to every union driver to report for work this morning under the old terms of employment.

CHARTERED A TRAIN.

CLINTON, Ind., Dec. 31.—W. E. Dee of Chicago, a tile manufacturer with a factory at Mecca, Ind., 19 miles from here, heard of the Chicago theatre disaster by telephone last night. The list of missing contained the names of two members of his family. He instantly started for Chicago, [illegible] miles away. Jumping into a buggy he drove at top speed to Clinton where he chartered a switch engine and dashed on to Danville, Ill., 50 miles away. A special train had been ordered by telegraph and was waiting for him and at midnight he started for Chicago.

TRAIN DERAILED

Two Engineers and Fireman Dead

ASHTABULA, Ohio, Dec. 31.—Limited train No. 22, eastbound on the Lake Shore road, was derailed here today by an open switch, resulting in the death of three of the train crew and the injury of a fourth. No passengers were injured. The train was two hours late owing to the heavy snowstorm and was being hauled by two engines.

The dead:

— McINTOSH, engineer.

— SPRING, engineer.

— SPRINGBORN, fireman.

The injured:

—Higley, fireman of Buffalo, not serious.

Another train was made up as quickly as possible and the passengers sent eastward.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

The theatregoers of the French population of this city are especially fortunate this week in having three consecutive nights with two matinees of French plays for their enjoyment at the Academy of Music. In order to cater to the French population of this city Manager Murphy, at a large expense has engaged Mme. Germaine Duvernay and company of Montreal to give two of her attractions at this popular playhouse. This troupe has just finished up the foreign tour and starting with Lowell will play the French centres of New England.

Tonight and tomorrow afternoon and evening the troupe will present "La Voleuse d'Enfants," or "The Kidnapper," which is a grand spectacular drama and one which is sure to please the people. The company consists of all stars and has been playing to crowded houses every place it has appeared.

Saturday afternoon and evening the program will be changed and Mme. Duvernay and her artists will present "La Grace De Dieu," or "The Grace of God," which is a sensational drama. Vaudeville attractions will be introduced between the acts.

The seats are now on sale and the demand has been so great that those who wish to secure good seats should apply at the box office at once. While the company has been charging higher prices for seats, Manager Murphy has decided to sell seats at the regular prices.

THE CASTO THEATRE.

Mr. and Mrs. Perkins Fisher head the program at the Casto theatre this week and Ezra Kendall's quaint rural character sketch entitled "The Half-Way House" is one of the funniest and most enjoyable ever presented at this theatre. Green trading stamps are still given free at the Casto.

PERSONALS

Mrs. F. N. Legare gave a whist party yesterday afternoon at her home in Broadway for the benefit of the new crib at St. Joseph's church. The winners of the first two prizes, which had been donated by Mrs. Charles H. Boisvert and Mrs. J. H. Bergeron, were Mrs. Magloire Grondin and Mrs. Hormisdas Vallerand; second prizes, which were the gifts of Mrs. Hormisdas Vallerand and Mrs. Joseph Ducharme, went to Mrs. Maurice Lambert and Mrs. George Lebrun. Mrs. Stanislas Duff and Mrs. Desire Hebert carried off the boobies.

Solon W. Stevens was one of the speakers at the banquet of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge of Masons at Boston, Tuesday.

Mrs. L. L. Lonto and Miss Sara Lonto spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Lonto's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sleeper of Newport, Vt.

Deputy Grand President J. A. Bailey of this city will install the officers of Pacific lodge, A. F. H., of Lawrence, Jan. 11.

George B. Kittredge of this city has finished the stone work at Gallupville and has gone to North Hoosick, N. Y., to take charge of the stone work for a large bridge there.

Mr. Charles N. Taylor, dyer at the Tremont & Suffolk mills, has handed in his resignation, to take effect Jan. Mr. Taylor has been employed by the Tremont & Suffolk corporation for the past 12 years.

The Murray club of the First Universalist church met with the pastor, Rev. C. E. Fisher, at his residence, Livingston avenue, last evening for the first meeting of the season.

TWO FRAUDS.

The merchant who would try to [illegible] a pair of shoes without opening [illegible] box in which they came from the factory, would be regarded as a fraud and a trickster, and the newspaper which denies to the advertiser all the information he desires in reference to its circulation, must not expect the confidence of its patrons.

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Ladies' 50c Storm Rubbers	Sale Price 39c
Ladies' $1.00 Storm Overshoes, Boston	Sale Price 49c
Ladies' $1.00 Wool Leggins	Sale Price 69c
Boys' 60c Rubbers	Sale Price 42c
Child's 35c Rubbers	Sale Price 10c
Men's 75c Slippers	Sale Price 42c
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SOUTHERN DIV.

To Boston. Lve.	To Boston. Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	From Boston. Arr.
5.43	6.50	6.00	7.04
6.21	7.40	6.30	7.26
a6.39	7.30	7.35	8.55
a6.42	7.53	8.25	9.01
a7.01	8.02	e9.00	9.57
ae7.24	8.10	e10.00	10.37
a7.31	8.50	a10.17	11.34
7.45	8.35	e11.30	12.07
8.50	9.40	12.00	12.58
9.40	10.40	e1.00	1.37
11.00	12.08	2.00	3.01
ae11.43	12.25	e3.00	3.37
a12.14	1.00	a3.47	5.00
1.40	2.50	4.14	5.30
ae1.56	2.39	e5.00	5.37
a3.03	4.20	5.38	6.25
a3.47	4.30	a5.47	6.54
4.25	5.30	6.14	7.30
ae5.22	6.15	e7.30	8.08
a5.44	7.00	e8.30	9.05
ae6.22	7.05	10.30	11.34
ae7.29	8.10	11.20	12.22

SUNDAY TRAINS

To Boston. Lve.	To Boston. Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	From Boston. Arr.
a6.39	7.30	9.00	10.00
a7.24	8.10	1.00	1.57
8.45	9.49	5.00	6.58
a9.20	10.15	e7.30	8.08
a4.25	5.30	e8.30	9.08
a5.58	7.00	9.00	10.03

WESTERN DIV.

To Boston. Lve.	To Boston. Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	From Boston. Arr.
6.50	8.00	7.30	8.34
8.00	8.54	9.25	10.32
9.25	10.39	10.45	11.41
10.50	12.00	11.50	1.08
12.05	1.33	2.15	3.19
12.45	1.57	3.36	4.55
2.30	3.35	4.59	6.00
3.10	4.10	6.01	7.05
3.55	5.04	6.35	7.48
5.05	6.43	9.38	10.40
6.15	7.16	B11.15	12.16
7.00	8.08		
9.25	10.39		

SUNDAY TRAINS

To Boston. Lve.	To Boston. Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	From Boston. Arr.
8.15	9.27	8.00	9.17
12.05	1.34	12.00	1.02
4.05	5.18	6.00	6.37
5.30	6.46		
8.00	9.05		

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HAD CHRISTMAS PARTY.

A Christmas tree was held at the Kirk street church yesterday afternoon for the benefit of the children of the Sunday school classes. Besides the tree there was a real, live Santa Claus impersonated by Kenneth Bruce. Supper was served to the children.

The boys' choir sang carols; there were recitations by Marie Lloyd, Margaret Thompson and Florence Richardson, and Rev. Dr. Martin read an original and very interesting Christmas story.

POLO NEWS

The Muncie Star of recent date had a fine likeness of Joseph Fox, the Lowell boy who is managing the Marion, Ind., polo team, and had the following to say of the Lowell boy:

No manager in the Western Polo league has had greater odds to contend with during the present season, or has better prospects of coming out on top in the final shuffle than Manager Joe Fox of the Marion five.

With polo an unknown and untried sport in Marion, Fox took a team there determined to educate the people to the game. He did not realize the task cut out for him until he attempted to advertise the sport. The Marion newspapers are closely allied with the theatres and an attempt was made to freeze out polo.

The attempt has been a failure, however, and the game is winning out on its merits. That this was possible is due largely to the resourcefulness of Manager Fox.

For a number of years Fox was goal-tender in the old Eastern league. He was one of the best till two seasons ago, when he lost an eye as a result of being hit with a polo ball during a game. Since that time he has devoted his time to managing teams and serving as utility man.

Fox has played in several games this season during the absence of goal-tender Burgess and has delivered the goods in a satisfactory manner. He is a stickler for fair play and is proving one of the most popular managers of the league.

BELFIELD WALCOTT

WAS OUTCLASSED BY DAVE HOLLY OF PHILADELPHIA.

BOSTON, Dec. 31—Dave Holly of Philadelphia, with his famous "loop-the-loop" wallop, made his debut in Boston at the ntral A. C. last night, and administered a most severe drubbing to Bel- eld Walcott in the 12 rounds they ught.

Walcott was clearly outclassed from e first, and the surprise was that he ld the limit. At the end of the 12th nd Referee Jack Sheehan awarded the ion to Holly.

no round did Walcott have anywhere ar an even break, and Holly made a ost favorable impression by his aggres iveness and clever hitting.

n the open preliminary Lefallon O'Neil f the West End beat Young Barrish of e Newsboys' club quite handily in six unds, and Harry Gilman stopped Jerry kson in four rounds.

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MANSLAUGHTER

White Entered Plea of Guilty

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—John W. White, 22 years old, of 6 Puritan avenue, Dorchester, who was indicted by the grand jury for murder in the second degree, in causing the death of James M. Gavel, was arraigned before Judge Gaskill in the superior criminal court yesterday afternoon. He waived his right of trial and entered a plea of guilty on a charge of manslaughter, which was accepted by the commonwealth. He was then sentenced to serve not more than 10 years or less than eight in state prison.

His counsel, Michael J. Creed, before sentence asked the court to be as lenient with the boy as possible as he has been very ill and probably will not live long.

Several witnesses were placed upon the stand, who testified to the good character of the defendant. When the boy's father, who is a well-known business man and who is widely respected, was placed on the stand he broke down and had to be led away. Later in the detention room there was a pathetic parting scene between the father and son.

The shooting of Gavel occurred at 28 Upton street, on the evening of Nov. 17. It is alleged that young White had been keeping company with a Mrs. Annie Lewis who lived in the house, and on the evening in question he found her in the company of Gavel. His anger was aroused, and Gavel attempted to quiet him. Then it is alleged Gavel and White went out and bought drinks. On their return to the house White again became quarrelsome and finally drew a pistol and began shooting. Gavel died from his injuries a few days later, while Mrs. Lewis recovered.

White remembered that he went to the house that night, but does not remember doing any shooting. His counsel said that he was employed as a collector and carried large sums of money, and carried a revolver as a means of protection.

MATRIMONIAL.

Miss Lillie A. Hallett and Mr. Moses McKelvey were united in marriage at the home of the bride's father, Mr. John H. Hallett, 17 Lincoln street, yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock by Rev. R. G. Osborne, rector of the church of the House of Prayer. The bridal party was attended by Miss Bessie Hallett and Miss Loretta McEloon. Following the wedding ceremony the couple received the congratulations of many friends. They left on the late train for their honeymoon. On their return they will reside at the bride's home, 19 London street, and will be at home to their friends after February 1st.

WELCH—KILLPATRICK.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized last evening, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Killpatrick, 129 Hampshire street, when their daughter Miss Anna M., was united in marriage with Mr. Edward A. Welch by Rev. F. M. Pickles. The bridal couple were attended by Miss Georgia Staples and Mr. Thomas C. Cunlngham. There was a large company of friends present, including guests from Lawrence, North Andover and Chelmsford.

The wedding gifts were numerous and elegant. Mr. and Mrs. Welch left the city by a late train for a brief tour and upon their return will reside at 129 Hampshire street.

COURT—HOGAN.

Mr. C. Norman Court and Miss Sadie Hogan were married last evening by Rev. J. F. Allen at his residence in Kirk street. The bride wore a beautiful gown of organdie with lace and ribbon trimmings, and she carried a bouquet of white pinks. Her attendant was Miss Annie Hogan, who wore pale blue organdie and also carried white pinks. Mr. Arthur Anderson of Milford, N. H., was best man. At the conclusion of the ceremony the bridal party were entertained at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Hogan, 61 Hanover street, where refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Court will reside on Pleasant street.

CHASE—DAWSON.

Mr. Frederick C. Chase of North Chelmsford and Miss Carrie H. Dawson of Tewksbury were united in marriage at Nashua yesterday by Rev. William T. Bolster, pastor of the Congregational church of that city. Miss Helen M. Chase was the matron of honor. After the marriage ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Chase left on a wedding tour and will be at home in North Chelmsford to their friends after Jan. 15th.

McALLISTER—HICKEY.

Mr. Joseph L. McAllister of Baltimore, Md., and Miss Mary E. Hickey of this city were united in marriage yesterday afternoon at the parochial residence of St. Patrick's church by Rev. James A. Walsh.

The bride was attended by Miss Catherine Hickey and Mr. Edward J. McCarthy was best man. A reception followed the ceremony at the residence of the bride in the Mammoth road, and later Mr. and Mrs. McAllister departed on an extended wedding trip.

CRONIN—MILLS.

Yesterday afternoon at the parochial residence of St. Patrick's parish, Mr. Edward J. Cronin and Miss Mary E. Mills were united in marriage, the marriage ceremony being performed by Rev. Fr. Walsh. Mr. Percy A. Mills acted as best man and Miss Katherine M. Donovan was bridesmaid. After the wedding a reception was held at the home of the bride and later Mr. and Mrs. Cronin left on a wedding tour. They were the recipients of many beautiful and appropriate presents.

STEVENS—FIFIELD.

Leon B. Stevens of this city and Miss Bertha M. Fifield of Manchester N. H., were united in marriage Dec. 28, by Rev. N. W. Matthews, at his residence in Ellsworth street. Irving H. Ward was best man and Miss Bessie J. Knowlton of Manchester was bridesmaid.

HOLGATE—McGLENNAN.

Doctor R. Holgate and Miss Janet McGlennan, both of Lowell, were united in marriage last evening at the residence of John Holgate, 7 Simpson place, by Rev. N. W. Matthews.

STEALING TIME

YOUNG MAN WANTED FOR LARCENY OF WATCHES.

Charles A. Cross, 22, wanted in Burlington, Vt., for the alleged larceny of watches, was arrested in Tewksbury last evening by Capt. Kew and Inspector Walsh. Cross was employed on a farm in Tewksbury.

Pure Groceries

HIGHEST GRADE QUALITIES—LOWEST WHOLESALE PRICES. UNPARALLELED OFFER ON THE S. & H. GREEN TRADING STAMPS.

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$3.00 worth of Stamps with every dollar purchase ($1.50 in stamps on every 50c purchase) at our Tea and Coffee Department. Every other purchase receives $1.00 in stamps on a one dollar purchase and ten cents in stamps on a ten cent purchase.

Butter 5 lb. Box 1.05
Per lb., cut from tub, 21c.
Locust Valley Brand. Elgin's best, and better than the best elsewhere.

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Per lb., cut from tub, 25c.
Golden Rose Brand, right from Vermont, fresh made and delicious. It has no equal at any price.

Teas 3 lbs. 1.00
Per lb., 35c.
Formosa, Oolong, English Breakfast or Mixed.
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Golden Rose Brand makes better and more bread than any other brand—loaves that are white, fine, light and sweet.

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"Eastern Quality" Brand." Strictly fresh. Worth 50c per dozen elsewhere.

Coffees 5 lb. Pkg. 1.00
Per lb. 20c; 2½ lb. pkg. 50c.
Golden Rose Brand. Real Mocha and Java Coffee. The coffee everyone talks about.

10 lb. pail Silver Leaf Lard $1.00
Fancy Figs..........10c per lb.
Summer Beauties Peas,
Per doz. $1.00; per can 9c
10 lb. bag Table Salt.......7c
Pearl Tapioca..........2 lbs. 8c
3-lb. cans Choice Hand Packed Tomatoes,
Per doz. 80c; per can, 8c
Zu-Zu Snaps.........3 pkgs. 10c
Hebron Potatoes.....23c per pk.

1 lb. jar Preserves..........8c
5 lb. jar Jelly..............19c
Ginter's Pure Condensed Milk,
9c can
Golden Rose Soaps...8c per can
Soda Crackers.........6c per lb.
2 lb. pkg. Echo Oats..........8c
Fancy Corned Beef...8c per lb.
Fancy Fowl...17c and 18c per lb.
Fancy Chicken...17c and 18c lb.
Navel Oranges......25c per doz.
Qt. bot. American Salad Oil..19c

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141-143 Merrimack St., Lowell, Mass.
FIVE BOSTON STORES.
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GRAY GOT BACK

Lowell Took Game From Haverhill

DRISCOLL'S TRIBE DEFEATED BY 5 POINTS

Large Crowd Saw the Contest

There is mourning in Haverhill.

Connie Driscoll and his tribe have bands of crepe around their coat sleeve and the fair ones in the city down the river are saying all kinds of good and bad things about the Lowell basketball players.

Jimmy Gray's team went down to Driscoll's town last night determined to do things to the tribe that won a game from Lowell the night before. They came away with the scalps of Bucky Lew, Jimmy Harrington, Bill Kelliher and few others dangling at their belts. The score was 20 to 15 and as the figures indicate the contest was one of exciting periods and great play. It broke the hearts of one of the largest audiences that ever saw a game in Haverhill when their pet team had to bite the dust.

One thing is certain, Haverhill is fast displacing Manchester as the great Lowell rival, and when the "colored wonder" and his white friends come to Lowell again they will be greeted by a house that will surprise them.

As Laurentius Josephus would say: The crowd was a decidedly warm and boisterous one and made it rather difficult for Referee Tierney, but the latter did not feaze the least bit. The women have the craze bad in Haverhill, so bad that they have already become bleacherites and some of these were quite prepossessing and looked chic in the dainty picture hats and vied with the rooters of the sterner sex with applause.

LOWELL.	HAVERHILL.
Allard lf	rb Lew
Abbott rf	lb Lynch
Cairns c	c Doyle
Field lb	rf Tighe
Holleran rb	lf Harrington (Kelliher)

FIRST PERIOD.

Third foul, Lowell	1—0
Third foul, Haverhill	2—1
Third foul, Haverhill	2—1
Goal, Lowell, Field	2—2
Goal, Haverhill, Tighe	4—2
Third foul, Haverhill	4—4
Goal, Lowell, Cairns	4—6
Third foul, Lowell	5—6
Goal, Lowell, Abbott	5—8

SECOND PERIOD.

Third foul, Lowell	6—8
Third foul, Lowell	7—8
Third foul, Haverhill	7—9
Goal, Haverhill, Doyle	9—9
Goal, Lowell, Abbott	9—11
Third foul, Haverhill	9—12
Goal, Lowell, Cairns	9—14

THIRD PERIOD.

Third foul, Lowell	10—14
Goal, Lowell, Abbott	10—16
Goal, Haverhill, Dodge	12—16
Third foul, Haverhill	12—17
Third foul, Lowell	13—17
Goal, Lowell, Field	13—19
Goal, Haverhill, Tighe	15—19
Third foul, Haverhill	15—20

Score, Lowell 20, Haverhill 15. Goals by Field 2, Tighe 2, Cairns 2, Abbott 3, Doyle 2. Fouls by Holleran 4, Cairns 3, Field 6, Doyle 3, Allard 7, Lynch 4, Lew 5, Tighe 2, Abbott 3, Allard 4. Referee, James Tierney of Lowell. Timers, James Gray for Lowell, Connie Driscoll for Haverhill. Attendance, 900.

BASKETBALL NOTES.

Concord at Lowell tonight and a dance all for one admission.

Allard will get back at Kane tonight for his big score in the last game.

Turn out tonight and make it a rouser for the boys.

Prior to tonight's game in Huntington hall between Lowell and Concord the amateur contest will be called at 7.30 o'clock sharp between the leaders of that league, the Riversides and the Lowell Boys' club, No. 1. After the big league game there will be dancing the old year, the new year in.

Dan Lynch of the Manchester basketball team received a present yesterday which bore a card attachment announcing that the girl's basketball team of the Manchester high school desired to give him some little token of appreciation for his excellent work. The bundle was of huge proportion and by the time Lynch got through unwinding several thicknesses of paper, he began to think that he had been made the victim of a joke. Starting in again Dan unwound several more papers and at length, in under a wrap of paper which would have filled a good sized job wagon, there appeared a little china lamb; the kind that are sold by street fakirs at a nickle apiece. A note appeared on the last sheet which stated that Dan's lamb like playing had prompted the purchase of the gift. He is now buying cigars for his friends.—Manchester News.

After the basketball game Friday night, a dance will be given by the management, the admission to which will be included in the price of the game. This is an experiment and, if successful, the dances will be continued throughout the season. This matter was decided upon at a meeting of the association members yesterday afternoon. As soon as possible after the game, the cage will be cleared away and the floor placed in good condition for dancing.

When the Burke team first started in Lowell, dancing was introduced after each game. The result was, that they not only drew good houses for the games but the dancing parties after the games became very popular.—Manchester News.

Harry Edgar of the Holyoke basketball team was released by Manager Fred Winkler after last night's game in Springfield. The Holyoke management had no particular fault to find with the playing of last year's Springfield star, but was under the necessity both of cutting expenses and strengthening the team. Manager Winkler has lines out for a couple of good basket throwers and feels sure of giving the city a winner, even though big salaries have not yet brought about the desired result. "It has been insisted right along by many that the association here has been getting the short end of things for the money it has been paying and new faces will probably brighten up the basketball atmosphere.

Toby Matthews, the idol of Springfield basketball fans, and a good fellow in every walk of life, was substantially shown yesterday that he has made since coming to Springfield friends worth having. The knowledge was bought home to him in the shape of a handsome gold watch as a present from the clerks of the City hotel which he has made his headquarters each of the time since coming to the city. The presentation was made by John T. Moran, one of the hotel whine clerks, who assured the lanky athlete that he will not need good friends so long as the hotel is under its present management. Toby told his friends he would show his appreciation at the game last night, and anyone who attended knows how well he kept his word.

Y. P. S. C. E. SOCIAL

HELD AT IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH.

A social and entertainment was held at the Immanuel Baptist church last night under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C. E. of the church. It was known as a rubber social, two sides having been formed to see which could bring in the most rubber. The prize for the contest is a supper which the losing side has to give to the winning side. The sides were known as the reds and blues and the former won, having 235 pounds to their credit while the blues had but 155.

An entertainment was given consisting of numbers by Miss Eva Pickles, Miss Elsie Rollins, Miss Maggie Jones, Miss Martha Swanwick, Miss Ella Hayes, Miss Gertrude Estabrook, and by a male quartette, Messrs. Beaven, Williams, Thatcher and Jones. Refreshments were served by Isabel and Laura Gillespie, Etta Estabrook and Etta Wedge.

PLEASING RECITAL

GIVEN BY HENRY D. WYETH OF CAMBRIDGE.

At Middlesex hall, Pollard building, yesterday afternoon, a highly entertaining pianoforte recital was given by Mr. Henry D. Wyeth of Cambridge, assisted by Mr. A. H. Blake. The program, which was well received, follows:

Tannhauser Overture.......... Wagner
Mr. Wyeth and Mr. Blake.
Sonata Pathetique, Op. 13...Beethoven
Valse, Op. 42.
Etude, Op. 25, No. 9.
Polonaise, Op. 40, No. 1.
Chopin
Valse de Concert............Wieniawski
Concertstuck .... Weber
Mr. Blake at second piano.

POLITICAL NOTES.

Thomas J. Gallagher of ward six is a candidate for secretary of the democratic city committee and not a candidate for chairman, as announced in a morning paper.

Frank E. Dunbar is mentioned as a candidate for delegate to the republican national convention. Hon. Charles H. Allen has also been mentioned, but he is said to be favorable to Mr. Dunbar.

DARK ROOM

Mrs. Webster Felt Like Shutting Herself Up

MUCH MONEY EXPENDED

Woke Up Every Morning Since Childhood With Agonizing Headaches.

Mrs. A. S. Webster, residing at 203 Moore street, Lowell, Mass., says:

"Ever since I was a child I suffered with sick headaches. My nerves were always unstrung when the terrible headaches came on and I felt like shutting myself up in a dark room and not see any of my friends I was in such a condition. The terrible headaches would come regularly in the morning when I awoke, because I inherited them. Biliousness accompanied my troubles and hundreds of dollars were expended in trying every known remedy to get rid of the agonizing headaches and nervous trouble. I was persuaded to try Dr. Bartlett's Vital Force, and after the use of four bottles I can truthfully state that my headaches trouble me no more, and I do not wake up in the morning with the terrible headaches I used to have. My biliousness has left me and my nerves are strong. I believe it is the finest medicine ever prescribd for chronic sick headaches and nervous affections, and I shall always say a kind word for the medicine that did so much for me."

(Signed)

MRS. A. S. WEBSTER,
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Lowell, Mass., Dec. 24, 1903.

Mrs. Webster's case is like thousands of others. They recommend it to others and can't praise it enough. Remember that Vital Force is Dr. Bartlett's own prescription and used by him in his large practice ever since he graduated from Bowdoin college in 1871. It is the only medicine absolutely free from opium, morphine and alcohol, and it says so on the package.

It will give you mental force, prolong your life and keep you in tune. With a good stomach and a clear head nothing can prevent you from reaching the goal of your ambition. With a clear brain you may feel the power of knowledge and grasp it. The brain is the storehouse of all energy and nervous force, and from this great supply house, every man, woman and child may be fortified with strength and health. With Dr. Bartlett's Vital Force you become the master and not the slave. Poisonous matter is forced from the system and every vital organ is brought into perfect harmony. With all your vital organs working in perfect harmony, it is impossible for you to know disease.

Dr. Bartlett's Current of Life Tablets (Laxative), guaranteed cure for dizziness, rush of blood, constipation, sour stomach, liver ills, water brash, biliousness, etc., 25 cents. Prepared by Dr. S. Bartlett Co., Lowell, Mass. Call on Dr. Bartlett today, if you want to get well and stay well.

Your druggist is honest. If you ask for Dr. Bartlett's Vital Force he will give it to you.

PARDON REFUSED

Goodwin's Request Was Turned Down

WATSON OF LOWELL IN FAVOR OF PARDON

Fight Will Not be Given Up

The executive council at 7 o'clock last night, after having been in session practically all day, voted against the pardon of Henry K. Goodwin of Lawrence.

The vote was 2 in favor and 7 against. The division was as follows:

For pardon—Councillors McNamara of Boston and Watson of Lowell.

Against pardon The lieutenant governor, Councilors Slade of Fall River, Maxwell of Boston, Robinson of Gloucester, Irwin of Northampton, Lowe of Fitchburg and Hoag of Chelsea.

No case in recent years has attracted so much attention and excited so great public interest as has this Goodwin pardon case. Goodwin is now serving a life sentence in the state prison for the murder, in Lawrence, of Albert D. Swan. Goodwin was an inventor. He claimed that Swan had cheated him out of some telephone patents.

GOODWIN'S COUNSEL

SAYS FIGHT WILL NOT BE GIVEN UP.

Clarence W. Rowley, counsel for Goodwin, was very much surprised when he was told last evening of the action of the governor's council.

"This is but the beginning of a long fight," he said. "I do not intend to drop the matter by any means. I am surprised and pained to think that the objections of masked men should prevail over the personal requests of seven mayors of Lawrence and a large number of our citizens, as well as a general desire of the people of the state.

"The decision is unjust to Goodwin. When the country required his services in 1862 he volunteered. He was shot through the arm and neck, taken prisoner and confined in Andersonville, the worst prison known in history. It is but human weakness to forget a man's virtues when he is a prisoner, even though he has lived a life above reproach save for his one act in killing in the heat of passion the man who wronged him. It is the general desire of the people that Goodwin be liberated, and I know of only four persons wo do not want him freed."

Begin the new year by opening an account at the Five Cents Savings bank.

LATEST NEWS

G-E-T are the initials of Geo. E Tradd, who would like to announce that he has got, for you to get, the best gifts, and when you give, what you will get, don't forget, that your gift will never be forgotten. Now let us not forget, what we can get, in this store, we can't get, in any other store in Lowell. We have no other branch. The ORIENTAL BAZAAR, 313 Merrimack street. Please don't forget the number.

A Splendid Opportunity

Package perfumes and fancy boxes of candy at or less than cost. One-half oz. perfumes, one in box, 19c, were 25c, Children's package, 4 bottles in box, 19c, was 25c. 1 oz. or two half ozs. in box 38c, were 50c. French Violet Water 23c, was 50c. Bulb Perfume Atomizers at your own price; 10c up for goods selling at 4 and 5 times the sale price. The new pump atomizers reduced as follows: $2 to $1.50, $1.29 to 89c, $1.19 to 83c, 89c to 59c. Candy in fancy and odd shaped boxes and baskets $1 for goods that were $1.50 and $2. Others for 45c and 50c that were 75c, Howard, The Druggist, 197 Central st.

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—OF—

Ladies' Jackets, Capes and Furs

Weather conditions do not call for such an enormous markdown, but our iron-clad rule is, let 'em go regardless of cost.

Ladies' 42-inch All-Wool Kersey Coats, lined, man tailored, value $25.00.
Let 'em go $14.00

Ladies' 42-inch All-Wool Kersey Coats, lined, man tailored; value $22.50.
Let 'em go $12.50

Ladies' 42-inch All-Wool Panne Cheviot Coats, tailor made; value $18.50.
Let 'em go $11.00

Ladies' Black and Castor Coats, value $13.50, $15.00, $16.50; only a few left.
Let 'em go $8.50

Twenty Sample Coats, no two alike, sizes 34, 36, 38; value $10.00.
Let 'em go $3.98

Misses' Coats, age 6 to 14, all marked down.
Let 'em go $2.50 to $7.50

Misses' Box Coats, age 6 to 14, made of heavy Zibeline and Kersey Cloths; value $5.00, $6.50.
Let 'em go $2.75 and $3.98

Twenty Ladies' Capes, no two alike; these are money savers; value $7.50, $10.00 and $12.50; beautifully made.
Let 'em go $1.98, $2.98, $3.98

Ladies' Extra Long Black Kersey Capes, trimmed and lined; value $17.50.
Let em go $9.00

This is real Fur weather (a word to the wise). Ladies who have not purchased yet, we are headquarters. Get our prices; hundreds of Scarfs to select from

$1.75 SCARFS	While they last 98c
$2.75 SCARFS	Let 'em go $1.49
$3.98 SCARFS	Let 'em go $2.49
$5.00 SCARFS	Let 'em go $3.98
$6.95 SCARFS	Let 'em go $4.75
$7.50 FOX SCARFS	Let 'em go $5.00
$9.50 FOX SCARFS	Let 'em go $1.49

Extra Long Scarfs and Muffs to match. Sets complete $15.00 to $50.00.

January Clearance Sale

All our Trimmed and Untrimmed Millinery must go at your price during this sale, as we never carry over any winter goods.

A FEW OF OUR PRICES

Trimmed Hats 49c, 98c, $1.49, $1.98, $2.98, $3.98, $4.98. Untrimmed Hats 1c, 10c, 25c, 49c, 98c. Some bargains in Ostrich Feathers.

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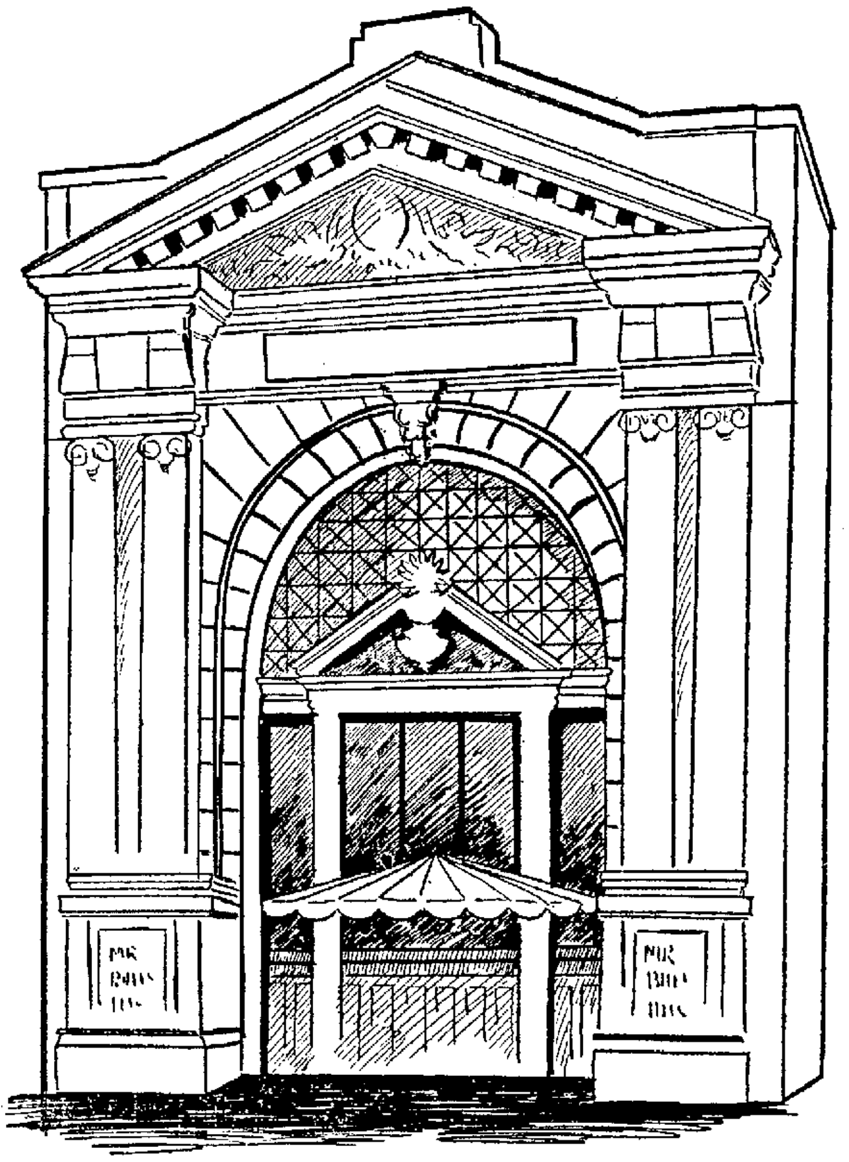
CHICAGO HORROR

Over 600 People Burned, Suffocated or Crushed to Death in the New Iroquois Theatre



THE IROQUOIS THEATRE.

Fire Started From Crossed Electric Wires Caused Panic—A Gas Explosion Soon Followed Sending Out Volumes of Smoke That Suffocated Shrieking Hundreds—Heroic Efforts of Actors and Base Ball Players to Rescue the Dying Heartrending Scenes Around the Theatre When Truth Was Realized—The Catastrophe Unparalleled in the Rapidity With Which it Brought Death to Hundreds

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Fire destroyed the Iroquois theatre, Chicago's new playhouse, yesterday afternoon and about 600 lives were lost.

The latest statement of dead at the various morgues is 561 and it is stated at the various hospitals and hotels to which the injured were removed that of the 157 people who were injured probably one-third cannot live. The missing today were estimated at 314 but it is expected that many of these would be accounted for, probably a large majority of them.

A CHAMBER OF HORROR.

It is no extravagance of language to say that the city is stunned by the overwhelming tragedy which was enacted when the theatre which housed "Mr. Bluebeard" became a chamber of horror. There is the deepest woe in hundreds of homes today, sorrow in a thousand others and a pity beyond the potency of words to convey in all.

The first streak of daylight found the morgue still the sorrow haunted centre of many a searcher. There were hundreds searching for their wives, wives searching for husbands, frenzied parents seeking their children, so many of whom lost their lives and in some instances wild eyed children, still dazed from the horror of their experience, grouped about in search of father or mother.

Possibly nothing could better typify the depths of sympathy which is felt for those who suffered directly by the calamity than the action of the striking livery drivers. By a vote which was without a dissenting voice it was decided to establish a truce of 10 days.

President Albert Young of the union, following the meeting issued the following decree which was distributed broadcast:

"Owing to the great disaster to the public caused by the fire at the Iroquois theatre, I do hereby declare a truce in the present strike of undertakers and livery drivers for 10 days, and do further require that every man now on strike report at once to their respective places of employment and do everything in his power to assist his

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SUN LATEST

FIVE O'CLOCK

GOOD TALKERS

Thomas R. Roach, alias Thomas Matthews, and George Clayton Kennedy, the two young men arrested in Central street by Deputy Welch and Inspector Walsh, yesterday afternoon, on suspicion of being connected with a bogus advertising scheme, were arraigned before Judge Hadley in police court this forenoon and pleaded not guilty to joint complaints charging them with larceny.

Both are clean appearing young men and made a good showing in court. Their language was good and while they displayed great cleverness they did not manifest very great familiarity with court usages.

Both men gave the impression of having a generous knowledge of the ways of the world and at no time did they display any uneasiness. Deputy Welch tried to break down the fences that Roach built about himself but he found the walls impregnable. When it resolved itself into a battle of intellects, Roach was on hand with pretty answers and skilful evasions.

He refused to have his chum, Kennedy, connected with the advertising scheme and was even anxious to have all the responsibility placed on his own shoulders.

Judge Hadley found Kennedy not guilty and allowed Roach 24 hours in which to produce evidence to substantiate statements which he made today.

The six counts against the men were as follows: Dec. 29, larceny of $1 from Belle L. Donohue; Dec. 30, larceny of $1.00 from Thomas Steel; Dec. 29, larceny of $2.00 from Henry Reynolds; Dec. 29, larceny of $2.00 from Warren T. Griffin; Dec. 29, larceny of $2.00 from Henry J. Dowd, and Dec. 29, larceny of $2.00 from S. Osterhout.

Belle Louise Donohue, clerk at Clark's bakery, 467 Broadway, was the first witness. She identified Roach and said he called at the bakery Tuesday afternoon. "He asked for the proprietor," she said, "and I told him he was in another room. He told Mr. Clark that he was soliciting ads. for St. Patrick's church calendar and asked Mr. Clark to take space.

"Mr. Clark asked him how much it would be and he said $2.00. Mr. Clark said that was too much and after some bantering the defendant stated that he would split the difference and call it $1.00. He said he would sacrifice his commission in order to sell the space.

"He came to my desk and got one of Mr. Clark's cards and he wrote Mr. Clark's name on the skeleton calendar.

"He told me that Mr. Clark told him to collect $1.00 from me.

I paid him the dollar and asked him if Father William O'Brien had instructed him to collect for the ads, and he said yes. He said he would bring calendars around in a few days."

The defendant asked the witness if she was sure that he told her that the money for the calendar would be turned over to the church.

"You certainly did," replied Miss Donohue.

"Then you misunderstood me," he said.

Henry Reynolds told of Matthew's visit to his place of business, 495 Worthen street, Tuesday afternoon. The same representations were made to him, he said, relative to the calendar, and he understood from Matthews that the money would be devoted to the church. Mr. Reynolds paid him $2.

Thomas Steele, grocer, 986 Central street, said that Matthew called on him and sold him space on a calendar which he said was being gotten out by St. Peter's church.

Henry J. O'Dowd, carriage and harness dealer, said:

"The defendant, sitting down (Kennedy) came to me and told me that Eddie Cushing, proprietor of the Richardson house, had sent him to see me. He produced a sample copy of a hotel blotter and he told me that Mr. Cushing said I would take space. He told me that copies of the pad would be distributed in the rooms in the hotel, that one thousand copies would be distributed with the banks and that he would bring 20 copies to me. I paid him $2.

Dr. C. Bret Pool, with offices at 408 Middlesex street, told of the visit of the defendant to his office. The hotel blotter was explained and Matthews told the doctor that Eddie Cushing of the Richardson hotel, had sent him. Dr. Pool took space on the blotter but did not pay any money.

The testimony of other witnesses including Warren T. Griffin and Fred S. Osterhout, was similar in character but did not implicate Kennedy.

When it came time for the defendants to tell their stories, counsel appeared for Kennedy. The latter took the stand.

"Your full name?" asked the deputy.

"George Clayton Kennedy."

"Have you solicited any ads. for calendars and blotters?"

"No, I have not. I did not know anything about the church calendars and I had nothing to do with the hotel blotter."

"What are you doing in Lowell?"

"I came here to see a lady friend."

"Where do you live?"

"My home is in Montreal."

"When did you come to Lowell?"

"I came here Christmas eve and returned on Christmas day. I returned to Lowell Saturday night with Mr. Roche and we have both occupied the same room since.

There was not sufficient evidence to hold Kennedy and he was discharged.

THE WEATHER

Local forecast: Occasional snow tonight. Friday fair, probably followed by snow; light to fresh westerly winds.

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THE SUN LATEST 5 O'CLOCK

STORY OF HEROES

Base Ball Players Smashed Doors of Theatre

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—This is the story told by Frank Hauseman, the ball player, who was in an upper box when the fire started:

"Charley Dexter and I were in the front upper box on the right-hand side. We had just been talking about the double row of little boys and girls that filled the front balcony seats. The theatre was dark for the second act and the stage was only partly lighted. Maybe a dozen of the chorus was on, singing "I'll Meet You in the Moon's Pale Light," when I noticed a little tongue of flame back in the flies on the other side of the stage. It was up just below the bottom of the drop curtain, which was raised, and looked just like somebody shaking a blazing handkerchief.

"'Charley,' said I, 'It's me to the exits. This may not be anything, but you know the dark little hall we had to come through. So we made a quiet sneak before anybody in the audience knew anything was wrong. We hadn't any more than got to the next floor when the stage began to get smoky and you could hear the crowd in the theatre begin to get worried. Just then Eddie Foy comes out to the front of the stage and with the little blazing bits of scenery dropping back of him, he kept saying, 'don't get frightened, sit still, it's only a little stage fire.'

By this time the whole theatre was in an uproar. Big chunks of blazing scenery began to fall. The girls on the stage were fainting and Dexter and I rushed to a couple of exits on the east side. 'Open the doors,' said I to an usher. 'Wait till the drop curtain comes down,' he said. By this time the crowd was getting wild and pushing against the doors. The stage was blazing and the smoke rolling out into the body of the theatre.

"'For God's sake open the doors,' I shouted. The usher didn't move. Well, I grabbed the fellow and threw him as far as I could and burst open the door. The minute it gave the crowd shoved me with a rush and jammed me against a pair of iron doors that were locked. I felt the latch and found it was like the one on my ice box at home. With a few wrenches it pulled open. At that minute a big sheet of blaze came out from the stage with a puff that drove the crowd mad.

"In a flash I saw Eddie Foy apparently buried in flames and before I could catch my breath the crowd caught me and almost threw me clear across the alley leading to State street. In that alley was the most awful sight I ever saw. The fire escapes over the alley were packed with struggling, screaming people fighting to jump to the ground. They were falling like raindrops and making a pile of dead and dying under the escapes.

STRUCK HIM DEAD.

"One man landed on the mass of peo- le and struggled to his knees, when a oman fell on his head and struck him ead. I saw another woman clinging the outside of the lower fire escape. mp,' I yelled, 'It's only 10 feet.' As e came down, I held out my arms to ak her fall, and she struck my ulder.

By this time the smoke was piling of the door we had broken open Dexter and I worked till we were sted, pulling out women and en who were overcome by the oke and the horror. It was terri- mostly women and children, moth- calling for their little ones, little s screaming and bewildered; a mass crazy human beings almost tearing other to pieces trying to crowd of that one small opening that we made."

can't realize that it isn't all a ble nightmare yet," said Charles r, who was with Hauseman. Hauseman called my attention the blaze I didn't think there was ch in it, but while I looked it seem- to take the whole side of the stage. ou'd better bring out that lady,' said I to a fellow who was in the same box with us with a girl. 'I guess I know my business,' he answered, and they staid behind. God help those two, for Hauseman and I didn't more than have time to get downstairs before the whole stage was ablaze, with Eddie Foy trying to keep the crowd quiet and the orchestra leader playing his fiddle facing the audience and nodding to them to sit down.

"When I reached the exit three little children were clinging to me. The door was locked. I broke it open, the crowd by this time crushing and struggling against me like a lot of wild people. I didn't know how we got the iron doors open, but when I got into the alley I found two little children in my arms and Hauseman was there by my side trying to help out the women. I saw him hold out his arms to a woman who jumped from the fire escape and it seemed to me that she knocked him 20 feet.

"The fire escapes were filled with nothing but women and children. It was awful, awful! There they were, packed together so closely that only a few could break loose and jump, and some of them burning to death before our eyes.

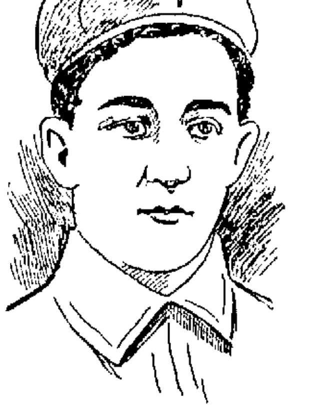
"I took the children into a corner drug store and hadn't any more than set them down when in rushed a woman with her hair down and her clothes almost torn off and grabbed the little girl, screaming: 'Darling, darling, don't you know your mother.'

"When I got back to the alley there were the firemen and police pulling out the dead and mangled, and Hauseman crying like a baby while he carried away the little ones. If I live 1000 years I can never forget that awful scene."

"NO MAN COULD STAND THAT."

William Corbett of 656 California avenue and Edward Butler, a city employe, living at 419 Webster avenue, were met by Hauseman and Dexter and rushed into the burning building at the Randolph street entrance to help in the rescue. This is Corbett's story:

"I didn't intend to go into the building, but as I stood there an old woman came up to me tearing her hair and screaming, 'Help me, help me, my two children are in there.' Well, no man could stand that. 'That means us,' I said to Butler, and we started. Policeman John Rohan tried to stop us. 'You'll burn up sure,' he said. We made for the east side, intending to go into the main body of the theatre, but in our excitement we got tangled up in the dark hallways and the first we knew we were up against a door at the top of the building and everything as dark as pitch.



CHARLES DEXTER, Baseball Player, Who Did Heroic Work at Chicago Fire.

"'My God, hear the screams,' gasped Butler. We caught hold of the handles of the door and managed to break it open. Piled up five feet deep by the door was the most awful mass of dead and dying human beings. I grabbed hold of an arm and the burnt skin peeled off in my hands. The smoke was suffocating and the heat was terrible.

"As we pulled the poor victims out it seemed to me that I couldn't go on. There were young girls with their waists torn off, women and children scorched and dead in great heaps, and a few still struggling feebly.

"Everything showed that the fight to get out must have been something beyond description, and all was smoke and darkness, so dense that we could only see those who were next to the door. We broke open a door leading into a big empty room and that let in a little light. Into this room we carried the dead and started down stairs with the few who were still alive. By this time the firemen had come up and we passed the living along. The hallway was so narrow that only one could come or go at a time. So those coming up had to go back to the landing to let the ones pass who were carrying the people down.

"It seemed as if nobody escaped from the gallery, judging by what we saw. When we got down to the balcony we found women and children piled up against the door almost to the top and nearly all dead. I couldn't stand it any longer. It made me sick all over, and I barely had strength left to get into the open air at last."

BUTLER FOLLOWED CORBETT.

"When Corbett started into the theatre," said Mr. Butler, "I made up my mind it was a case of follow the leader. It was as dark as pitch and I can't tell how we got where we did. When we broke the door open leading into the gallery I saw the most pitiful sight that I ever expect to see. Women and children and even babies were jammed together in the most frightful way. Some of them were still gasping; some of them burned and all of them with their arms blackened to a crisp clear to the elbow.

"It seemed as if they were little children and women, mangled, torn and burned until it would break your heart. 'Smiley' Corbett carried them away two at a time, and for 10 minutes it seemed we did nothing but try to untangle the heap of dead and dying. By that time the firemen came to help us and we carried the living out into the air. Hamlin asked me how many there were and I told him there might be 200 and there might be a thousand, for I don't see how any of them could have got away from that black hole. Hell doesn't more than begin to describe what we saw when we broke in that gallery door."

TO INVESTIGATE TARIFFS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Henry Norman, M. P., arrived today on the White Star steamship Majestic from Liverpool. Mr. Norman will investigate the question of preferential tariffs in Canada and will return in time for the opening of parliament.

ACQUITTED OF MURDER.

LEBANON, Pa., Dec. 31.—Constable John L. Fisher was today acquitted of the charge of murdering City Solicitor J. Marshall Funck after a trial lasting nearly two weeks.

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LONDON'S MAYOR

Voices Sympathy of the British People

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The following message, which the lord mayor of London, Sir James T. Ritchie, transmits through the Associated Press, well voices the consternation and sympathy which prevails throughout the British metropolis over the disaster at Chicago, yesterday.

"Mansion House,
"London, Dec. 31, 1903.

"The citizens of London offer their deep sympathy and sincere condolence with the American people in the awful loss of life in the fire in Chicago.

"(Signed) JAMES T. RITCHIE,
"Lord Mayor of London."

All local and foreign topics of interest were forgotten here this morning in the universal horror over the Iroquois theatre tragedy. The extra editions of the newspapers giving the latest details were eagerly bought up and the newspaper placards only bore in flaring type the announcement of further news from Chicago.

Throughout the morning Americans resident in London made frequent inquiries at the office of the Associated Press. The flags over the American steamship offices were half-masted. The accounts of the deadly panic were read by the English people with peculiar sympathy and horror, for the pantomime season here is now at its height and the London theatres are daily packed with women and children. The disaster of yesterday doubtless will keep many Londoners from sending their children to the usual Christmas holiday pantomime.

The afternoon newspapers comment sympathetically on what the Globe terms "one of the most terrible disasters of its kind in the last hundred years," and goes on to say:

"It is difficult to understand how the Chicago authorities came to permit such an awful death trap to be constructed."

The Globe thinks that in the outset there could have been no adequate fire appliances or else they failed to work and does not believe that in this country any theatre would be so "utterly helpless."

"The scheme of exits," says the Pall Mall Gazette, "appears to have been practically worthless."

The St. James Gazette says: "The ghastly holocaust at least teaches the wisdom of the local ordinance which requires the fire-proof curtain to be lowered once every evening to ensure its good order."

The Westminster Gazette points to the terrible regularity with which Christmastide coincides with a great disaster and thinks it only shows how necessary to public security are the theatre regulations which so often are deemed oppressive.

To the lord mayor's message of sympathy, which was also transmitted to the United States embassy by which it will be forwarded to the state department at Washington, Ambassador Choate replied:

"I have received your tender message of condolence in behalf of the citizens of London, to the people of the United States in the tragic calamity at Chicago and thank you most sincerely. I have transmitted it to Washington.

"(Signed) CHOATE."

SCHOOL IS SAFE

SUCH IS BELIEF OF THE COMMITTEE.

SCITUATE, Dec. 31.—In opposition to the advice of a physician on the board of health to burn the books in the Hatherley school where the scarlet fever outbreak lately occurred, the school committee yesterday opened the school. The pupils, in returning to work, used the same books that were used before the fever epidemic, destroying only those volumes employed by the nine pupils who came down with the disease.

Mr. Jay K. Gannet, chairman of the school committee, yesterday afternoon said: "We burned the books used by the pupils who had the fever and we think that is sufficient.

"The rest of the books in the room were thoroughly disinfected and the walls scrubbed."

In direct contrast to this opinion is that of a physician, a member of the board of health, who says that the vapor of formaldehyde is useless in the case of books, as the vapor does not penetrate between the leaves.

The Hatherley school at North Scituate has been the scene of four outbreaks of contagious diseases, three of which were scarlet fever. Public opinion here is for burning the tomes but officialdom looks to the expense of this course.

CRUISER TOPEKA

AND TORPEDO BOATS GOING TO COLON.

KINGSTON, Jam., Dec. 31.—The United States cruiser Topeka and the torpedo boats Truxton and Stewart arrived here yesterday from Key West. The vessels are now coaling and will proceed as soon as possible for Colon.

MORE BOATS FOR PANAMA.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Word was received at the navy department yesterday from San Francisco that three additional vessels had left that place to join the fleet under Admiral Glass at Panama. They are the gunboat Bennington and the destroyers Preble and Paul Jones.

THE STOCK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The stock market opened irregular. Amalgamated Copper 50⅜, Atchison 68⅜, Baltimore & Ohio 79⅞, Brooklyn Transit 52⅞, Canadian Pacific 118¾, Erie 29¼, Louisville 105⅞, Missouri Pacific 93½ ex. div., New York Central 115⅜ ex. div., Penna. 119, Reading 45½, Rock Island 24, St. Paul 146⅛, Southern Pacific 49¾, Southern Railway 20⅜, Union Pacific 80½, United States Steel 12⅞, do. pfd 59.

WALL STREET GOSSIP.

WALL STREET, 10.10 a. m.—The stock market opened very dull and with insignificant price changes. The coalers and the local tractions were inclined to heaviness. The United States Steel stocks started upwards.

DANCING PARTY

Industry Council Observed Ladies' Night

AFFAIR IN HUNTINGTON HALL A SUCCESS

Members of Other Councils Present

Ladies' night was observed by Industry council, Royal Arcanum, last night. A grand concert, followed by a dancing party, was given in Huntington hall and the attendance was so large that early in the evening every seat in the gallery was occupied and many were obliged to stand along the dancing space on the floor.

JOHN W. SHARKEY, Assistant Floor Director.

The affair was complimentary to the members and their lady friends and the presence of so many of the ladies was especially pleasing to the members of the committee on arrangements, showing as it did the great interest they take in the success of the council.

Members of other councils also were present and the deputy of the council, James H. Gannon of North Billerica, with a party of Arcanumites from that town, enjoyed the dancing during the evening.

The concert program contained eight numbers and the different selections were applauded. Shortly after 9 o'clock dancing started. There was no march and about every one of the fancy engagements played by Kittredge's singing orchestra was applauded.

The affair was just as successful as any conducted by Industry council.

General manager, Thomas J. Mulligan; assistant, Frank T. McQuade; floor director, John J. Cox; assistant, John W. Sharkey; chief aids, Thomas M. Welch, Charles J. Defoe, Jr., Chas. D. Rodger, Walter E. Flaherty.

Aids, Dr. Thomas F. Carroll, Thomas J. O'Donnell, Dr. Edward M. Murphy, Harry W. Durrough, Alcide J. Parent, John J. Sullivan, William F. Regan, Alex. E. Rountree, F. A. M. Tobin, Thomas F. McKay, Edmond P. Fontaine, Harry L. Timmons, Thomas J. Mullarkey, Joseph A. Pucell, Joseph S. Herrick, Wm. H. Looney, Adolphe Lamontagne, George J. Campbell, John B. Boulger, John J. Cannon, John F. Gleason, James Gill, John W. Blanchard, John J. Winn, James A. Howard, Joseph T. Tuttle, George F. Moore, Edward C. Cassily, John P. Ward, John H. Walker, Frank Sargent, John J. Henry, John M. Coughlin.

Reception committee, Joseph H. Gormley, chairman; John J. Hogan, grand warden; Denis O'Brien, P. R.; Dr. Hugh Walker, P. R.; George F. Maguire, P. R.; John J. Cluin, P. R.; Frank Fox, Charles H. O'Donnell, T. P. Boulger, Jeremiah O'Neil, Charles E. McCarthy, James J. McMannon, James E. Shea, George E. Wilkins, Patrick O'Brien, Patrick Shalvey, Hon. Peter J. Brady, John P. Breen, Robert Busby, Frank J. Carolin, John B. McAloon, Thomas Conway, Patrick W. Cox, Joseph H. Donnelly, Thomas S. Belanger, Fred J. Genlon, Anseline Lamoureaux, Hamlet S. Greenwood, Michael Kevill, Martin Calnan, Charles C. Laflamme, John P. Conway, James F. McGarvey, T. Moss, John Nestor, John Ready, Robert B. Riley, William H. Stafford, John D. Smith, Hon. John T. Sparks, John Pyne.

BROKER GLOVER FAILED.

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OFF TO EUROPE

Mrs. Curtis on Foreign Trip

WILL BE ABSENT FOR TWO MONTHS

Her Former Husband in the West

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 31.—According to information given a reporter by a relative of Mrs. Curtis last night, Mrs. Curtis is now in New York and is very likely to take the next ship for the other side of the Atlantic. Mrs. Curtis will be absent from Manchester two months or more. A reporter was told last night, also, that probably she would have nothing to communicate to the newspapers before her return if at all.

"When the proper time comes Mrs. Curtis probably will have something to say concerning her side of the case in the action against the Frank Jones estate," was the statement.

Mrs. Curtis has persistently and successfully held aloof from reporters since Tuesday morning and all day yesterday relatives at the Curtis home on North Elm street guarded closely the door bell and telephone. Inquiries at the house resulted always the same, "No, Mrs. Curtis is not at home." But as near as can be ascertained, Mrs. Curtis was at home all day Tuesday; in fact, a relative who was at her house on that day has since said Mrs. Curtis did not leave the house until Tuesday evening, when it is supposed she took the 6.35 train for Boston.

A reporter called up the Curtis home by telephone last night and held the following conversation with a member of the family:

"Is Mrs. Curtis at home, please?" "She is not."

"When will she be at home again?" "She won't be at home."

"I don't mean tonight," persisted the reporter. "Couldn't you tell me when she will return, that I may see her?" "Well, she won't return."

"Won't return?" interrupted the reporter. "That is, she won't return right away. She will be gone two months or more."

"Would you tell me where Mrs. Curtis has gone?" "I would not."

"Is Mrs. Curtis going to Europe?" "She is now in New York, and she may go to Europe."

"Is Miss Margaret at home?" "She is not."

The reporter could not learn whether Mrs. Curtis was accompanied by her daughter or not, but is thought they are together and that they intend sailing from New York for Europe in the next steamer. It is said that Mrs. Curtis expressed great surprise on learning that the action against the Jones estate had become public through the newspapers.

It is a well known fact that a short time ago she communicated with a number of prominent local attorneys and some of the court officers, requesting that the action be not made public or hinted at in any way by them. It is also said she secured their pledges of secrecy.

MRS. CURTIS IGNORED

FRANK JONES OF LATE KEPT ALOOF FROM HER, IT IS SAID.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Dec. 31.—The suit brought by Mrs. Delana B. Curtis of Manchester against the executors of the will of the late Frank Jones is still the topic of interest here and many new stories are coming out. Executor Page went to Boston yesterday, after saying there probably would be no new developments until the case is called in January. Justin V. Hanscom, the other executor, who was Mr. Jones' secretary and who probably did more to help Mr. Jones in making his millions than any one else, declines to express an opinion, and much deplores the notoriety caused by the suit. Since Mr. Jones' death there have been very material changes in the estate, the executors converting the real estate into cash as fast as possible. First the racing stables were sold out, then the smaller pieces of real estate; the conservatories at the farm were closed and now the entire handsome farm is in charge of a caretaker.

The hotels, the Wentworth at Newcastle, and the Rockingham in this city, are to change management tomorrow, when the resignation of William K. Hill, for the past 18 years Mr. Jones' manager, takes effect and both hotels will hereafter be under the management of Harvey & Wood of Boston.

When Mrs. Curtis and her daughter were passing the season of 1900 at the Wentworth hotel, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jones were at the same hotel and it is said that while they were there no one saw Mr. Jones speak or in any way recognize Mrs. Curtis and her daughter in public. During the last few months of his life Mrs. Curtis was here repeatedly and tried in every way to get a personal interview with Mr. Jones, but she was turned back every time and even a letter from her was not allowed to reach him. It is said the family feared her influence so much as to stop all communications.

WOMAN'S HUSBAND

IS BELIEVED TO BE IN CHICAGO.

Samuel F. Curtis, former husband of Mrs. Delana Curtis of Manchester, N. H., who is suing the Frank Jones estate, is believed by a former acquaintance here to be in Chicago or Denver. He has not been in Lowell since about 1898.

While living in Lowell, Mrs. Curtis visited him at one time, staying, it is stated, at a boarding house on Kirk street. He had a room in a Central street block. The understanding of those who knew the parties is that at that time they had some time previously been divorced.

Curtis, it is stated, felt keenly the loss of his fortune, and desired to screen himself as much as possible from view of former acquaintances. For this reason, it is stated, he went West.

GENERAL STRIKE

IS THREATENED BY BRICKLAYERS AND MASONS.

GROTON, Conn., Dec. 31.—The refusal of three members of the Operative Plasterers' association to join the International Bricklayers' and Masons' union of America, which has caused a strike of stone masons, bricklayers and plasterers at the Morton F. Plant estate at Eastern Point, has led to a threat to call out all members of the international union in New England employed by the contracting firm of Norcross Brothers of Worcester, Mass. A business agent of the local branch of the international union has notified the superintendent of the work that unless these three men are required to take out cards from that union a general strike will be ordered.

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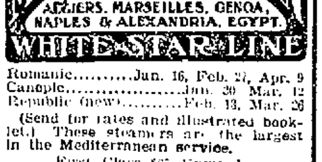

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EXTRA

5 O'CLOCK

WILTON LACKAYE

Prevented a Panic in the Garrick Theatre

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.- The failure of the expected fire protection at the fire in the Iroquois theatre is attributed by insurance men to trouble with the asbestos curtain. The stage is always recognized as the danger point in a theatre and the desire is to have it cut off from the auditorium as thoroughly as possible. The insurance men declare that the curtain at the Iroquois never worked perfectly and that the mechanism had not been repaired.

E. R. Wetmore of the insurance firm which placed the insurance on the Iroquois theatre declared the loss will not exceed $20,000. He also asserts that the spread of the flames to the auditorium was due to the failure of the asbestos curtain to work properly.

The financial loss is sustained almost entirely upon the interior decorations and the destruction of glass and seats, made by the crowd in its rush for the doors. Many decorations not burned were ruined by smoke and water. To build and furnish the theatre cost $450,000, and the proprietors believed it to be so entirely safe from damage by fire that they carried upon it insurance amounting to only $10,000.

The employes have issued a call to their striking drivers to return to work "irrespective of any previous affiliations with any and all organizations," and promising to protect them in all contingencies which may arise in the future.

Early last summer a prominent trade journal of Chicago criticized the construction of the Iroquois theatre because it lacked a shaft or flue at the back of the stage for carrying the flames and smoke upward from the auditorium in the event of fire.

The method of fire-proofing the balcony and the gallery was also declared by this magazine to be defective because metal lath was used in what is known as exposed construction, where heat would easily affect it. In modern fire-proof buildings this lath is buried in concrete.

Chief Musham of the fire department when asked today what would best prevent a repetition of the horror, said:

"I don't know as I can answer that question until an investigation has been made as to the causes of this fire. On the whole, I suppose it would be a good thing for the department to have active, uniformed men prepared to act, stationed in every theatre through every performance. I understand that New York has them and that they are paid by the managements of the theatres.

"They had a man in the Iroquois who was an ex-member of the Chicago fire department. He was old, but he should have known what to do. It seems to me that there is nothing in the world, at least nothing, that I can think of at the present moment, that can save lives when a thousand persons try to pass through a doorway at one time."

It was a cause of wonder to many people around the theatre building how so many physicians and so many trained nurses could arrive on the spot within so short a time. Dr. Herman Spalding, senior official in the City Health department, at the time the fire broke out, made all the arrangements for medical attendance.

"I telephoned to all the physicians in the downtown district," he said, "and to the hospital, nurse associations and schools for persons to assist in the aid of the injured. Employes telephoned to all the principal office buildings and told the operators at the switchboards to notify every physician in the building, while others telephoned to the nurses. There were over 100 physicians whom I personally knew at the fire and probably 150 nurses. There has never been as far as I have been aware, a call for so many physicians in Chicago at one time since the great fire. Within a few minutes physicians three and five miles from the down town district were offering their services.

Mayor Harrison was on his way to the southwest for a hunting trip and Comptroller McGann was acting mayor. It happened that the finance committee of the common council was in session when the extent of the disaster became known at City Hall. Mr. McGann at once walked into the committee room and was told by Chairman Mayor of the committee to direct the fire marshal, the chief of police and the commissioner of public works to proceed in the emergency without any restriction of any kind as to expense. He was told to do everything needful, spend all the money necessary and look to the council for his warrant. "We will be your authority for everything you do," said Alderman Mayor. A telegram was at once sent to Mayor Harrison informing him of the fire and it is expected that he will return from Oklahoma on the first train.

IGNORANT OF DISASTER.

One of the largest audiences ever seen in the Garrick theatre which is on the same street as the Iroquois, less than one block distant, sat in complete ignorance of the awful tragedy which was being enacted 200 feet from where they sat.

When the fire engines commenced to rattle past the Garrick theatre, Schubert became fearful lest the impression that his theatre was on fire should spread in the audience. When the intermission between acts came he ordered the doors closed and refused to allow anyone to pass in or out, as he was determined that no knowledge of the fire should reach the audience.

LACKAYE'S WITTY SPEECH.

Wilton Lackaye, the star of the play now being presented at the Garrick, stepped before the curtain and entertained the audience for over five minutes with a witty speech which kept his hearers in continual laughter. The orchestra contributed its part toward diverting the audience and the curtain rose for the next act without anybody other than the theatre employes knowing that hundreds of lives were being sacrificed almost next door.

When the people filed out of the Garrick they were greeted at the door by hundreds of frantic men and women who anxiously scanned their faces to see if any of their friends were among them.

They were looking for members of their families and acquaintances who had come to town simply to attend a theatre, without stating to what theatre they intended to go. There were many scenes of joyful recognition and astonished members of the Garrick audience were hugged and kissed in frantic delight by their relatives who up to that time had believed it possible that they were in the ghastly pile of dead lying within the doors of the Iroquois.

When the Rev. Fr. O'Brien of the Holy Name Cathedral, learned of the fire and heard that so many were dying he rushed into the old Tremont House which is now converted into the Northwestern University Law School, into which the victims had been taken, to administer the last sacrament to members of his church.

MOST EFFECTIVE SCENE.

He was followed an instant later by Bishop Muldoon. Finding that they were unable to attend the great number being brought in, Bishop Muldoon announced that he would give a general absolution to all the Catholics among the victims. This he did and the scene was most effective.

GAS EXPLODED

CHOKING FUMES BEAT DOWN IN WAVE OF DEATH.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—"There is a moon now," cried a little chap in the front row of the Iroquois theatre, as a curl of smoke and a tiny tongue of flame shot out from the wings to the right to the stage. It was just after the chorus had finished singing the moonlight song. The children clapped their hands in glee. Mothers laughed a bit, and the whole audience was in a fine humor.

But the tongue of flame reached out and caught a bit of inflammable scenery that hung over the centre of the stage. Instantly there was a larger ribon of flame. A calcium light on a stand six feet above the level of the stage had exploded and in a moment everything back of the footlights was a broad wave of fire that lighted the half-illuminated house with weird effects.

Eddie Foy stood out from the panic stricken group on the stage to assure the audience that there was no danger. Even as he spoke the great asbestos curtain was let down, caught on one side and failed to work. In another instant smoke burst out from under the arch of the stage and from under the bottom of the curtain, and before a man or woman in the seats could rise, the whole roof of the auditorium was ablaze. Two gas tanks exploded in the flies on the east side of the theatre and black choking fumes beat down in a wave of death from every wall.

Fear, uncontrollable and terrible, reigned. Men and women fought like wild beasts, filled only with the desire for self-preservation. Babies slipped from their mother's uplifted arms, and in an instant their lives were crushed under foot. Girls threw themselves from the balconies, and lay crushed and dying until suffocation ended their miseries.

Over 1000 people in the orchestra seats, with easy access to the doors, gradually made their escape to safety, but most of them threw aside wraps, pocketbooks, hats—everything that seemed to burden them—in their rush for life and the open air.

In spite of the panic, in spite of the suffocation, nearly all of them were saved, but in the balcony and gallery the demon of destruction wrought his frightful work at will. The flames and smoke on these upper floors caught the people before they realized the full extent of the danger. It seemed incredible that the little rush of fire could lap the walls so quickly and reach out after them, like a stroke of lightning.

Then, when the full meaning of the disaster came to them, they fought with one another for safety, battled like stampeded animals, with the smoke curling about them, everything plunged into absolute darkness; not even a friendly lantern to show them the way out of this pit of death.

The classic outlines of the theatre, the beautiful plush hangings, the arched windows, with their stained glass, the stately pillars, became a morgue five minutes after the first little ribbon flame made its way along the stage. Women and girls in the gallery never had a chance for their lives. They met the end still seated in their chairs, their poor, impotent hands burnt into one commingled cinder at the sides of the seats they had grasped when the panic came.

Others who had managed by strength of terror to get into the aisles found their awful ending in a mingled doom of smoke and fire and tearing of limbs in the aisles and in the open space back of the seats.

Dozens of others, swept, carried, dragged out to the stairways and even beyond them down to the landings, in actual sight of the daylight that streamed through the big front doors, in sight of the throngs outside with fire wagons and smoking horses, died in great masses seven or eight feet high, limbs mangled, clothing burnt off and faces caught in their last agonies, all turned toward the doors they could not reach.

GAS EXPLODED.

From windows at the north and west ends of the building they streamed, blinded by smoke and crazed beyond any possibility of helping themselves further by taking advantage of the aid extended them from the upper floors of the building facing the theatre.

Ladders, planks, ropes, poles, everything that could possibly serve to assist these poor creatures in their battle for life was rigged and turned into bridges, but very few got across alive.

Barely five minutes after the first alarm was turned in firemen were struggling into the theatre, making their way in some miraculous manner through the maddened mob that was pouring out of the auditorium, doing what little they could, not only to check the fire, which was fast turning the whole inner shell into a cauldron, but to rescue the frantic hundreds in the upper balcony by ladders stretched across from the main floor.

A few—30 at most—were rescued in this way, and then the firemen, after controlling the flames, abandoned their hose to go with the gathering police and make their way to the horrors that waited for them on the upper stairway and in the balcony exits.

Here was no more struggling, no more frantic haste. There were no men even among those most accustomed to scenes of destruction and mortality who could approach calmly those still masses. Time and time again they started toward the upper stairways, caught one another by the hands and cried like little children, stunned by the horror of it all. And still outside the main entrance to the building passers-by, attracted by the presence of fire engines, had no knowledge of the fearful disaster inside.

But when from the inside began to stream a procession of firemen, carrying charred remains of those who a little while before had been happy in the enjoyment of an afternoon's pleasure, the scene without changed as if by magic. From every business street of the city men whose wives and families had gone to the matinee streamed with white faces and eyes blinded with tears over to the theatre and screamed like madmen the names of those they were seeking.

Some of them found their loved ones safe, but still half crazed, in surrounding stores and hotels, others discovered them among the dead by some particle of dress, a half-charred hair ribbon, a shoe or a locket. Others are still searching and will continue to search before they can finally assure themselves that the happiness of their lives has been hopelessly blighted.

From every hospital in the city came ambulances, nurses and physicians, priests and Sisters of Mercy stood side by side with surgeons and great bands of women from St. Luke's, the Presbyterian and nearly every other hospital in the city, waiting patiently like soldiers till the moment they should be called on

BROOKLYN HORROR

297 PERSONS LOST THEIR LIVES IN THAT FIRE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31—The fire which destroyed the Brooklyn theatre on Dec. 5, 1876, and carried with it the lives of 297 persons, will live in the memory of the theatrical public as next in horror to the Iroquois. An immense audience had assembled to see Kate Claxton present the then new melodrama of "The Two Orphans." The theatre, regarded as the safest that building construction then permitted, was bright with new decorations and upholstery.

It was the scene at the boathouse of La Frochard, when Louise, the blind girl, was lying upon a pallet of straw, and over her was bending the brother. Miss Claxton's eyes were turned toward the flies, and she saw a flame flash out across, catching hold of the hundreds of ropes, floats and drops. Smoke shot out under the proscenium arch, and then came the rush for safety. Miss Claxton and her fellow-players never lost their heads. Advancing to the footlights they shouted to the audience to keep cool and remain seated. The effort was partially successful, until a man in the audience shouted, "It's time to get out of this!" The stampede was soon beyond all human power of stopping.

From the balcony and gallery to the foyer there was a stairway 15 feet wide, ample in ordinary times, and opening from the orchestra to the foyer were several large doors. But from the foyer to the lobby were only two great swinging doors, and these, insted of swinging outward, swung in. There had been no time or not enough presence of mind to open these doors, and th human tide beating against them wedged them shut beyond all hope of opening.

When, hours later, the firemen and policemen found bodies piled six and eight deep, they learned that in nearly half the cases, death had mercifully come before the flames. Eye witnesses from the stage related that, when the rush began, all semblance of order was lost as men, women and children fled shrieking for the only exit. Men crawled over the piles of struggling humanity only to perish at the doors.

That more lives were not lost was due to the presence of mind of the players and ushers. The players called on some of the persons in the front to follow them through the stage entrance, while an usher helped others to safety through a door leading into Johnson street. For nearly four hours after the theatre was in ruins, the police and firemen did not know there had been any loss of life. The first rush of the audience had carried many through the lobby doors, and when these had closed it was not known that behind them were the struggling hundreds.

"JOLLYING" BEALS

COUNCILMEN "KID" THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

"Has anyone seen Cheney?" asked Supt. Beals in City Messenger Pattee's office this morning.

"Councilman Cheney?" asked Councilman Welch, while the attendants gave the street superintendent the laugh.

"No, the mayor's Cheney," replied Mr. Beals.

"Mayor Cheney, did you say?" asked Councilman Bayes, "I think he is inside writing his inaugural."

And Supt. Beals retired in disgust.

POISONED CANDY

Made Two Children Critically Ill

ITHACA, N. Y., Dec. 31.—Two children of Michael Casey, a wealthy retired business man—a boy of 10 and a girl of 13, are critically ill from eating candy believed to have contained Paris green. The candy was in a box delivered at the Casey home by a messenger boy to whom it was given by a mysterious veiled woman. Casey says he can throw no light on the mystery.

WOTTON-BUGBEE

Here's a Contest on the Dead

The cemetery trustees are having a quiet little fight among themselves when all other departments are quietly waiting for their fights to start.

The trouble with the custodians of the dear departed is over a superintendent of cemeteries. At present Charles Wotton is superintendent, holding his job at the pleasure of Messrs. Mountford and Stevens of the trustees.

Daniel Webster Bugbee, who was mentioned for one brief moment as a candidate for police commissioner, now comes to the front as a candidate for the position of superintendent of cemeteries, and he has the mayor behind him from all accounts, and the mayor has one vote in the board of trustees.

The term of Mr. Stevens is at an end and the mayor last week nominated as his successor Charles S. Copeland. Mr. Copeland is understood to be a Bugbee supporter, and in the event of his confirmation Mr. Bugbee would have the necessary two votes while Mr. Wotton would be out. But the board of aldermen neglected to take action on the appointment, undoubtedly for the best of reasons and thus Stevens and Wotton are still holding over.

WHIST PARTY

WANNALANCIT CLUB HELD FORTH LAST EVENING.

The Wannalancit Whist club met last evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Maguire, 22 Varney street, and from 8 to 10 the game was enjoyed. The lady's prize was won by Mrs. M. H. Reidy, the gentleman's prize went to Mr. James H. Kelley, and the booby to Mrs. James H. Kelley. At the conclusion of whist the guests repaired to the dining room, where a toothsome repast was partaken of, after which the remainder of the evening was passed in song and mirth.

Among the guests from out-of-town were Miss May Teague of Charlestown and Mr. James J. O'Malley of Boston. During the evening vocal selections were rendered by Miss Teague, Mr. Daniel S. O'Brien, B. F. Earley and E. F. Slattery; piano selections by Mrs. Dennis F. Devine, Miss Teague and Thomas M. Maguire. The program concluded with a popular selection by the famous Dugan band, the director of which, Mr. Edward F. Slattery, had Creatore beaten to a standstill, except for the expression of his hair. The guests departed at a seasonable hour loud in their praises of the hospitality of their entertainers.

FUNERALS

DOUVILLE The funeral of Firmisse Douville took place yesterday, the funeral services being sung at St. Jean Baptiste's church, Rev. Fr. Lamothe, O. M. I., officiated, assisted by Rev. Fr. Campeau, O. M. I., and Rev. Fr. Biss, O. M. I., as deacon and sub-deacon. The choir under the direction of Dr. Calsse sang Perrault's mass, with Miss Alexander at the organ. The bearers were Oscar Lemire, Joseph Beausoleil, Aime Beausoleil, Elzear Dube, Adelard Lessard and Moise Morrissette. The body was entombed at St. Joseph's cemetery. Undertaker Albert had charge.

FITZGERALD—The funeral services of Winthrop F. Fitzgerald, who died in North Tewksbury, Dec. 26, took place at the residence of his uncle, John L. Moore, yesterday afternoon. Rev. Chas. L. Pierce of the North Tewks- was singing by Miss Alice Leith. The was singing by Miss Alice Leith. The bearers were George Jessup, Roland Fitzgerald, Malcolm Cameron, Hugh Cameron. Interment was in Lowell cemetery. J. W. Currier in charge.

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SHELL EXPLODED

Secret Service Men are Investigating

NEW YORK, Dec. 31—Secret service agents are investigating a mysterious explosion which occurred in the Midvale steel works in Nicetown recently, news of which has just become public, according to a Herald dispatch from Philadelphia. How the charge got into the shell is a mystery. By some persons it is believed to have been the work of conspirators who had in view the destruction of a battleship.

The steel works recently shipped a lot of projectiles to Boston, where they were delivered to the government officials and receipted for. Included in the lot were shells hollowed out so they could be charged with a high explosive. Some of them were found defective and were sent to the works and workmen set about to examine them carefully. One of the big shells resisted efforts to open it and after a couple of expert workmen had given up the task it was decided to break it open.

Hardly had the heavy hammers descended when the shell exploded. Fragments were scattered in all directions, yet the workmen nearby were not killed or seriously injured.

It was declared in Boston that the officials were positive the shell had not been loaded when it left their hands. The authorities in Washington were notified and secret service agents have since been working on the case.

GRAND COTILLON

GIVEN IN HONOR OF MISS ROOSEVELT.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31—Mr. and Mrs. John R. McLean, last night gave a cotillion in honor of Miss Alice Roosevelt. The company was chosen from the younger set. The favors were simple in character and a dozen different forms were used in the various figures of the dance. The secretary of the treasury and Mrs. Shaw have announced that they will resume their social duties after Jan. 19 and their first public appearance after their period of mourning for Mr. Shaw's brother will be at the dinner given by the post-master general and Mrs. Payne in honor of President and Mrs. Roosevelt and the cabinet. Mr. Randall Hagner, brother to Mrs. Roosevelt's social secretary, was married last night to Miss Anna Rice Lawrence daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Augustine Lawrence, at the home of the bride's parents in New York. Among the wedding presents was one from the President and Mrs. Roosevelt, with whom the groom was a great favorite.

The German Ambassador and Baroness von Sternburg will attend the German-American charity ball to be given in Philadelphia, Feb. 8.

COTTON FUTURES

NEW YORK, Dec. 31—Cotton futures opened weak. Jan. 12.85, March 13.05, April 13.05, May 13.16, June 13.03, July 13.07, Aug. 12.11, Oct., offered, 11.70.

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MAYOR COLLINS

GOT A GOOD SHARE OF REPUBLICAN VOTE.

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—By the official tabulation of the votes for mayor and street commissioner cast at the recent municipal election, which have just been completed by the board of election commissioners, the total number of ballots cast is shown to have been 80,188, which includes 2837 blanks for mayor and 8915 for street commissioner.

The total vote for Gen. Collins was 48,745 and for Mr. Swallow 22,369, making a total for these two candidate of 71,114. Of this total Gen. Collins received 68 per cent., while of the total number of ballots cast for mayor exclusive of blanks, his percentage was 63.

In the 10 republican wards Gen. Collins received 18,681, to 14,771 for Mr. Swallow. Of the total ballots cast for these two candidates, Gen. Collins received 55 per cent.

The vote for street commissioner was: For Mr. Gallivan 52,144; Mr. Allen 12,833; Mr. Mahoney, 4430; Mr. Fitzgerald 1840; scattering, 26; blanks, 8915; total number of ballots cast, 80,188. Mr. Gallivan's plurality was 39,311, while the plurality of Gen. Collins was 26,376.

The least number of votes cast for Gen. Collins in any ward was 1184 in ward 10, being 49 more than was cast for Mr. Swallow in that ward, and the highest number of votes cast for Gen. Collins was 2883 in ward 20, being 646 more than Mr. Swallow received in that ward. Mr. Swallow's lowest point was in ward 13, where he received 181 votes and his largest number of votes was 2177, cast in ward 20.

DEATHS

BROWN—Amos B. Brown died Dec. 29, at the country residence in Carver, Mass., of his daughter, Mrs. Isabel A. Fosdick, wife of Lucian J. Fosdick, aged 81 years, 10 months, 3 days.

Mr. Brown was born in Barton, spending his early days on his father's farm. At the age of 21 he came to Lowell, where he learned the mason's trade, later going into business for himself in this line.

SHINNERS Rose J. Shinners, widow of the late Matthew Shinners, died at her home, 28 Wall street, yesterday afternoon. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. Joseph F. Dawson, and one son, Matthew F. Shinners, both of this city.

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As a personal tribute from Emperor Menelik to President Roosevelt, Mr. Skinner has been charged to deliver to the president two lions and a pair of elephant tusks.

Each member of the American party has been tendered a decoration, the acceptance of which is held in abeyance, owing to the official character of the expedition.

The closing audience granted by Emperor Menelik to Mr. Skinner and the leaders of the American escort was of a particularly cordial character.

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JAPAN MUST STRIKE

Cannot Wait Longer for a Final Decision

BERLIN, DEC. 30.—THE LOKAL ANZEIGER WITHOUT RESERVE, SAYS: "THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS INFORMED THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE POWERS AT TOKIO, THAT THE SITUATION AT THIS MOMENT IS UNBEARABLE AND THAT JAPAN MUST STRIKE IF RUSSIA DOES NOT ACCEPT THE PROPOSITIONS JAPAN HAS SUBMITTED, AS JAPAN CAN NO LONGER WAIT FOR A FINAL DECISION.

BOUGHT TWO WARSHIPS

LONDON, DEC. 30.—JAPAN THIS EVENING COMPLETED THE PURCHASE OF THE ARGENTINE WARSHIPS MORENO AND RIVADAVIA, BUILDING AT GENOA, ITALY, FOR WHICH RUSSIA IS ALSO NEGOTIATING.

A CRITICAL STAGE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—At the Russian embassy and at the Japanese legation the Associated Press is informed that the situation in the far east has entered upon a critical stage. Both the Russian ambassador, Count Cassini and Mr. Kogoro Takahira, the Japanese minister, express the hope that war is not yet inevitable. Count Cassini goes further and is of the opinion that the situation may yet be saved without recourse to arms, but the ambassador has no official advices on which to base this belief and it is only his personal view of the matter. Mr. Takahira takes a more pessimistic view of the case.

MOBILIZING TROOPS.

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—News has been received here confirming previous reports that Japan is mobilizing, probably with the object of occupying Korea. The confirmation has reached the German government officially and it is interpreted here, as in Paris, to mean, not that Japan intends to send an ultimatum to Russia; but that Japan may occupy Korea without Russia considering it a casus belli.

The situation is regarded here tonight as developing rapidly yet not necessarily toward war.

STILL HOPE FOR PEACE.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—6.52 a. m.—It was said at the foreign office this afternoon that up to this time the officials had received no intimation of the nature of the Russian reply to the Japanese but they were still hopeful of a peaceful solution.

WILL NOT HURRY

RUSSIA WILL TAKE PLENTY OF TIME.

PARIS, Dec. 30, 6.55 p. m.—While still not believing that war between Russia and Japan will occur the optimistic tone in official and diplomatic circles here was somewhat modified today by advices from Tokio and St. Petersburg. Japan, it appears, is hastening preparations for the purpose, it is suggested, of influencing Russia's action upon the Japanese note. Russia, on the other hand, has no intention to hurry. Her reply is not expected to be made before Jan. 10. Russia's purpose seems to be to put the onus of declaring war upon Japan. If such be the result of the negotiations.

NO ULTIMATUM YET.

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—The foreign office says the German representatives at Tokio have not been informed in the sense which the Lokal Anzeiger says they have, and further, that the Russian government has not received an ultimatum for that would be in effect the meaning of such a declaration.

The Japanese legation says it has not received any intelligence from Tokio confirming the statement that Japan's patience is exhausted.

ACTIVE TRADING

Still Noted in the Cotton Market

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Speculation in cotton was resumed on an exceedingly active scale today and trade sentiment seemed no less nervous and settled than on yesterday. From the clang of the gong fluctuations were wildly erratic. Cables were a shade better than expected and after the opening weakened the outlook was for heavy receipts.

First prices were seven points higher to 8 points lower and following the all ruled very erratic. May opened 13.75, a net loss of 5 points, sold up 13.80 on the call, then broke to 0, recovered slightly but within the t half hour sold back to 13.56, a net of 24 points, while the other nths showed equally wide changes the general tendency downward result of heavy liquidation and ors that the bulls were unloading. the lowest level of the morning ch sold at 13.29, May at 13.40 and at 13.44, a net loss of 35 to 40 nts and a decline of about $4.85 a from the best prices of yesterday. About midday the bulls quickly ewed their tactics and began bidding aggressively while the room d that had been helping to sell market down turned to cover and rfect torrent of buying came in prices rallying to about the oint of the morning or just about with last night's close. This cceeded by another down-turn everal points and early afternoon lowed losses of 9 @ 11 points on the ive months.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 30.—Cotton opened easy and apparently nervous, giving way three to four points. After that, amid some excitement, it advanced six to seven points, on the receipt of the New York opening. The market finally gave way, January and February touching 6.93 and closed weak.

GENERAL CHAFFEE

THE NEXT ONE TO BE PROMOTED.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—Official announcement has been made at the war department that on January 9, when Lt. Gen. S. B. M. Young will retire because of age, Maj. Gen. Adna R. Chaffee will be promoted to the grade of lieutenant-general and be made chief of staff.

General Chaffee is probably the best known officer of the army now on the active list, and his selection to be chief of staff meets with the hearty approval of the army. His career has been remarkable. In 1861 he enlisted in the 6th cavalry as a private. For nearly two years he served as an enlisted man and in 1863 he became a second lieutenant. Since then his rise has been in accordance with law. As an Indian fighter he has had few superiors.

It is the intention of the administration to promote and retire next month several brigadier-generals, giving them the retired rank of major-general. Colonels who served in the Civil war with good records are to be made brigadier-generals and retired, the permanent vacancies in that grade filled by the appointment of young, energetic officers. Capt. Pershing, Capt. A. S. Mills, superintendent of the military academy, and Capt. Clarence R. Edwards, colonel and chief of the bureau of insular affairs, are mentioned as likely to obtain promotion to the grade of brigadier-general.

TURNED ON GAS

WOMAN TRIED TO COMMIT SUICIDE.

MONTREAL, Que., Dec. 30.—A woman registered at St. Lawrence Hall yesterday as "Mrs. Marchand, Portland, Me." A few hours later she was found unconscious, from gas poisoning, upon the floor of her room, and very near to death. According to her own story, she married David Marchand, a Grand Trunk railroad conductor, about a year ago, and in November last a child was born, but died.

Marchand, she says, visited her regularly, and she came up here the day before Christmas, hoping to spend the holidays with him. Then she learned that she was not his lawful wife, and that he was living here with his first wife. She sent for him, she says, and he came with a detective, and took away her wedding ring and marriage certificate.

She went to the hotel, and wrote her husband an affectionate note, saying "You are falser than I thought you were, Dave, but I forgive you. I want you to bury me beside my baby boy. I still think of you kindly, and I know that you will feel badly. Try and forget mother."

Then she wrote another note and asked that the following people be notified of her death: A. Marchand, 49 Fore street, Portland; Miss C. L. Latham, 72 South street, Boston; Frank Lane, 91 Lancaster street, Portland; Alexander Pouler, Richmond.

After writing these notes she took a drink of brandy, and, fastening the door, turned on the gas and waited for the end. A bellboy noticed the odor of gas and doctors were sent for. It is thought that she will recover.

David Marchant said last night: "I met her when I was running into Portland. Her name is Alice Mullen, and she was a waitress where I lived. I finally gave her money to help her set up a boarding house and she seemed to be doing very well. She told many people that I had married her, but I did not. She once tried to shoot me. It is all nonsense for her to say that we took her ring and marriage certificate away from her. She did not have any. She wanted some money and I gave her some that she could go back to Portland. If she bothers me again I shall have her arrested."

MINISTER MARRIED.

BERNARDSVILLE, N. J., Dec. 30.—The marriage of Miss Caroline Green Mitchell to Rev. Anson Phelps Stokes, Jr., of New Haven, Conn., took place at St. Bernard's church here today.

The ceremony was read by Rev. Ralph Brydges of Islip, L. I., and by Rev. T. A. Conover, rector of St. Bernard's. The Right Rev. Edwin S. Lines, bishop of Newark and late rector of St. Paul's church, New Haven, pronounced the blessing.

Miss Anna Mitchell, a sister of the bride, was maid of honor. There were no bridesmaids. The best man was J. G. Phelps Stokes, brother of the bridegroom.

The groom is the third son of Anson Phelps Stokes of New York city. He is secretary of the Yale corporation and assistant rector of St. Paul's church, New Haven. The bride is the daughter of the late Clarence Green Mitchell.

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JAIL SENTENCE

For Italian Charged With Robbery

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 30.—Guiseppe Mannino, who was arrested in New York on the Anchor line dock in September on the charge of holding up and robbing Paymaster Sherman of the Saranac mills, Woonsocket, was given a sentence of five years imprisonment in the supreme court today. Mannino entered a plea of nolo, and as the state said that they would be satisfied with a minimum sentence, the above sentence was accordingly pronounced. With two other Italians, Ferdinando Fatalamante and Antonio Mansoni, Mannino is alleged to have held up Mr. Sherman on the tow path at Woonsocket on the morning of Saturday, Sept. 19, and to have relieved him of about $3000 which he was conveying in his carriage to the mill to pay off the mill operatives.

After the accomplishment of their purpose the three men disappeared, going to Boston, where they separated, Mannino going to New York city to take passage to Italy, when he was apprehended.

PERRY HEATH

MADE AN ERROR IN HIS INTERVIEW.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Widespread publicity has been given to an interview with Perry S. Heath, in which Mr. Heath declared that President McKinley told him "it was his firm conviction that he would live to see Hanna president, and that he would receive the nomination from his party." Mr. Heath is quoted as saying: "I saw President McKinley only a few days before he was shot at Buffalo. He was in the White House in Washington and I had a long talk with him pertaining to the next presidential election. During the conversation Mr. McKinley, in speaking of the man who would succeed him, said: 'I expect to see my friend and associate, Marcus A. Hanna, the next president of the United States. I believe he will be nominated and elected.'"

Mr. Heath then goes on to say: "Mr. McKinley went to Canton the following day, and the next day thereafter was shot while at Buffalo." Mr. Heath thus locates this conversation in the White House in Washington two days before the shooting of President McKinley at Buffalo, inasmuch as the president "went to Canton the following day, and the next day thereafter was shot at Buffalo."

But Mr. Heath is mistaken as to the time when this conversation at the White House took place. For it is a matter of general knowledge that President McKinley left Washington with Mrs. McKinley for Canton July 6, and never returned to this city. He went direct to Canton from Washington and remained there all summer. He was shot in Buffalo Sept. 6, just two months from the day he had gone from his office in the White House. It is well known that he did not at any time return to Washington before the Buffalo tragedy.

GOT HOMESICK

CHORUS GIRLS LONGED TO SEE BOSTON.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—"I won't stay another minute. I want to go back to Boston."

It was one of the chorus girls of the "Yankee Consul" company, which is now playing at the Studebaker theatre, who was speaking. A pale-faced official of the company, who thought he saw trouble ahead, stood in front of her and pleaded.

"What do you want to talk that way for?" he asked. "The holidays will soon be over, and then you will not be homesick any more. I would be brave if I were you."

The trouble started on the stage of the theatre Christmas eve, when boxes and bales of presents for the members of the chorus were received. The company was recruited in Boston, and very few of the chorus girls had been on the stage before. They were fresh from music schools and got along all right until Christmas came, when an epidemic of homesickness broke out among them, and they laughed before the scenery only to go behind it and cry.

"I also am going home," said another, and a dozen others announced their intention of leaving the company.

"Chicago is such a dirty and lonesome place," they said.

"Fiddle, it has Boston beaten a mile," said the manager, who was beginning to be desperate. The girls have now promised to remain until New Year's day, by which time it is hoped their homesickness will have left them.

STOCK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The stock market opened irregular. Amalgamated Copper 51¼ to 51⅝, Atchison 68⅝, Baltimore & Ohio 80⅞, Brooklyn Transit 53¾, Canadian Pacific 119¼, Erie 29⅝, do. pfd. 68½, Louisville 110¼, Manhattan 141½, Missouri Pacific 96⅝, Norfolk & Western 58, Ontario & Western 23⅞, Penna. 119¾, Reading 46⅝, Rock Island 24⅞, Sugar 127⅛, St. Paul 147⅛, Southern Pacific 50⅞, Southern Railway 21⅛, Union Pacific 80⅜, United States Steel 12⅛, do. pfd. 57½.

COTTON FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Cotton futures opened steady. Dec., 13.25 @ 13.50; Jan., 13.35; Feb., 13.55; March, 13.72; April, 13.65; May, 13.75; June, 13.75; July, 13.78; Aug. 13.40.

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CORAM CASE

The Court Gives Decision Favorable to Plaintiff

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—An opinion was filed in the United States circuit court by Judge Putnam this afternoon in the case of Eva A. Ingersoll, administratrix of the estate of Robert G. Ingersoll against Joseph A. Coram of Lowell and others to the effect that the plaintiff has a good lien on the property of the defendant on account of legal services rendered by Mr. Ingersoll. The plaintiff's husband acted as attorney in the case of the estate of the late Andrew G. Davis of Butte, Mont., who died leaving a property valued at from two million to five million dollars.

The court finds that this lien rests upon the agreement of the defendants, who inherited a part of the Davis estate, to serve as counsel and finds that it does not rest on the statutes of Montana which give an attorney's lien in certain cases. The amount claimed to be due the administratrix is about $140,000, being the sum of $95,000 and accumulating interest. The case will now be heard upon its merits.

NOTABLE COTILLON

GIVEN IN HONOR OF MISS ROOSEVELT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Last night Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh gave an elaborate cotillon of 60 couples in honor of Miss Alice Roosevelt. Her partner in the dance was Lieut. Edward McCauley, Jr. The music for the occasion was rendered by Haley's orchestra. This occasion was the notable social event of the week. The company assembled in the Louis XIV drawing room of the magnificent Walsh mansion and after the assignment of partners were ushered to the great ball room.

The early evening was devoted to a short program of dancing, and then supper was served in the theatre at 11 o'clock and the cotillon began at midnight. The favors were exceptionally beautiful. Ivory wands, fans edged with the costliest lace and decorated by the most famous artists, some of them souvenirs of Watteau and other decorators, shepherdess hats made more daintily than even Amaryllis knew in the golden age, and a multitude of choice souvenirs were distributed. When the ladies were decked as shepherdesses, quaint headgear and brilliant capes were distributed to the gentlemen, and the scene was one of the loveliest imaginable.

There was no set scheme of floral decoration, but masses of pink and white azalias and specially grown lilies were distributed around the hall and throughout the mansion in the most tasteful profusion. Mrs. Walsh wore a white silk gown trimmed in lace, and was untiring in her efforts to promote the pleasure of the dance. Altogether the affair was well planned and one of the most brilliant spectacles ever seen in Washington.

Miss Roosevelt returned to Washington from New York yesterday and will spend some time at the White House. Mrs. Roosevelt has issued invitations for a dinner on Jan. 8, the evening following the reception to the diplomatic corps, for which the cards are already out.

LEFT A FORTUNE

YOUNG GIRL IS HEIR TO MORE THAN HALF A MILLION DOLLARS.

WASHINGTON, Vt., Dec. 30.—Ella M. Spooner, a young woman of this town, is the only heir of Thomas Newman, who died recently at Wheeling, W. Va., having bank deposits and gilt-edged securities amounting to more than half a million dollars.

Newman lived very modestly and was not believed by his friends to possess a fortune. The discovery of his wealth caused great surprise here, where he formerly lived. Miss Spooner has taken steps to secure her inheritance.

QUIET IN KISHINEFF.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 30.—It is officially announced in view of the reports current abroad of renewed attacks on the Jews, that Kishineff was never quieter than at the present time.

ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 30.—The second day's session of the American Economic association was held in Tulane university. President Seligman presided. The proceedings opened with the reading of a paper by Prof. Frank A. Fetter of Cornell university on the relations between rent and interest.

TO FOUND HOSPITAL.

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—The will of the late Peter B. Brigham is sustained by a decision handed down by Justice Colt in the United States circuit court today and the $5,000,000 involved will go toward founding the Brigham hospital, according to the wishes of the testator. The heirs-at-law contested this provision. The decision holds that the heirs-at-law and next of kin have no valid claim to the fund.

DIED OF OLD AGE.

AMSTERDAM, N. Y., Dec. 30.—Mary Holmes, wife of Peter Fuller, is dead at Palatine Bridge from the infirmities of advanced age. She was born in Connecticut in 1803, but had lived at Palatine 60 years. Her aged husband, so infirm as to be unable to realize his wife's death, survives.

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COMPANY LIABLE

Railroad Responsible for Value of Goods

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 30.—In the United States circuit court today Judge Acheson handed down an opinion in the case of William Doyle vs. the Baltimore & Ohio railroad which will likely be far reaching in its effect. In the opinion, Judge Acheson virtually says that under the present methods of doing business a railroad company is responsible for the full value of goods lost in transit, notwithstanding the printing or stamping of a clause on the face of the bill of loading, calling for a maximum allowance for release, unless the agreement as to value road and the shipper and also agreement shall have been made between the railment as to freight rate and the signature of the shipper secured to the agreement.

The case was tried at the November term of court and the jury found for the plaintiff in the sum of $5000, subject to the opinion of the court on a question of law reserved. The question was "whether by virtue of the bill of lading the liability of the defendant is conclusively limited to $5 per 100 pounds, to wit: The sum of $232.50, with interest."

OUT ON STRIKE

STONE MASONS IN SYMPATHY WITH BRICKLAYERS.

GROTON, Conn., Dec. 30.—Stone masons employed upon the estate of Morton F. Plant at Eastern Point went out on strike today in sympathy with the bricklayers who struck last week because three plasterers employed with them did not carry cards of the local branch of the International Bricklayers' and Masons' union of America. The men carried cards in the Plasterers' association of Boston. The International body claims jurisdiction over the entire United States. A member of the local union will make a proposition for settlement to Norcross Bros. of Worcester, Mass., who are the contractors for the mason work. In case Norcross Bros. fail to accept the proposition it is said that work on all its contracts will be tied up.

CARBOLIC ACID

WELL KNOWN INSURANCE MAN COMMITTED SUICIDE.

ROME, N. Y., Dec. 30.—Edwin R. Farrier, one of the best known insurance men in Rome, committed suicide today by swallowing nearly an ounce of carbolic acid with a glass of beer. He was 56 years old. His accounts were straight and there is no explanation for his act.

MINISTER SQUIERS

HAS HASTENED BACK TO CUBA.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Minister Squiers has again curtailed his leave of absence and hastened to Cuba. He will arrive at Havana by the end of the week. It is understood that the rather extraordinary legislation pending in the Cuban congress requires the presence of the American minister. The proposed changes in the Cuban tariff schedules are regarded in some quarters here as tending to vitiate the spirit if not the letter of the Cuban reciprocity treaty.

EMPEROR JOSEPH

HAS QUITE RECOVERED FROM HIS ACCIDENT.

VIENNA, Dec. 30.—Emperor Francis Joseph has quite recovered from his accident and is pursuing his ordinary avocations today, giving private and general audiences as usual.

There is no truth in the report, published abroad, that the emperor had a stroke of paralysis. His majesty is perfectly well.

MARTIN F. CARNEY

IS HEIR TO A FORTUNE OF $250,000.

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—Martin F. Carney, a manufacturer's clerk on State street, has fallen heir to a large fortune of the late James N. McNamar of Toledo, O.

Under the provisions of the will made by Mr. McNamar, the control of the entire fortune of $250,000 goes to Mr. Carney.

When the will was offered for probate at Toledo, a few days ago, it caused a sensation.

The estate consists among other things of his business and equipment for the American district telegraph and fire alarm system.

The will provides that all property shall be held in trust by his wife for her use during her life only except the alarm system.

FOR CONSPIRACY

License Commissioners Placed on Trial

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 30.—The trial of Patrick P. Murphy and Joseph T. Lodge, former license commissioners of the city of Chicopee, charged with accepting bribes and conspiracy to extort bribes was begun in the superior court this afternoon. The principal witnesses against the defendants are A. M. Moore, a former hotel keeper, Adolph Pion and Alphonse Page, liquor dealers and Varnum Keith, all of Chicopee. The defendants are being tried on two indictments, one charging the taking of bribes of $150 each from Pion and Page and $200 from Moore in 1902 and $200 each from Pion and Page in 1903 and the soliciting of a bribe of $50 from Keith and the other indictment specifying conspiracy to extort bribes in all these cases.

COLORED GIRL

SUED WHITE MAN FOR BREACH OF PROMISE.

LISBON, Me., Dec. 30.—A breach of promise suit concerning two young people, residents of this town, will be heard at the next term of the Androscoggin supreme judicial court. The plaintiff is Eva May Howell, a colored girl, the step-daughter of "Prof." Baker, a banjo player, singer, whistler, etc. The defendant is Shirley T. McKenney, a white man. According to the records, the marriage certificate of young McKenney and Miss Howell was issued Nov. 16. Miss Howell gave her age as 21 and that of McKenney as 22. Young McKenney's parents refused to allow their son to marry, claiming that he was but 18 years old. So there was no wedding. Two weeks later Mr. McKenney married Gustie Estes of Durham. The marriage certificate was issued in Durham.

PROMINENT DELEGATES

ELECTED TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

PANAMA, Dec. 30.—Among those who have been elected to the constitutional convention, the most prominent are Dr. Amador, Pablo Arosemena, Domingo Coaldia, Belisario Porras and Luis Deroux.

News of importance has been received from the Isthmus of Darien. The Indians there are all in favor of the republic and have sent spies throughout the coast and into the interior. The government of Panama has furnished the Indians with guns and ammunition, thus making them very contented.

OUT FOR ROOSEVELT.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 30.—Representative republicans of Nebraska held a meeting today to organize a movement for the advancement of the candidacy of John L. Webster for the vice presidential nomination. Resolutions endorsing Roosevelt and Webster were unanimously adopted.

SAW TRIBAL FIGHTING.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Allen, of the American African gospel mission, sailed for New York today from Liverpool on the White Star line steamer Celtic, after four years work among the Nanakroos in Liberia. Prior to sailing from Liberia she witnessed severe tribal fighting between the allied inhabitants of the coast towns and bushmen. Mrs. Allen's mission house was the centre of the first conflict and the Nanakroo queen sought refuge there. During the fighting Mrs. Allen was not molested but she witnessed remarkable scenes of barbarism.

COPY OF TREATY

WILL BE SENT TO WASHINGTON BY MINISTER CONGER.

PEKIN, Dec. 30.—The Chinese government has promised United States Minister Conger to soon forward the Chinese copy of the treaty to Washington for the exchange of ratifications. It is necessary first to obtain the emperor's seal. After the treaty is ratified the opening of Mukden and Antung to the commerce of the world can be pressed.

LIBRARY FOR ACUSHNET.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Dec. 30.—The town of Acushnet is in a fair way to have a public library if the conditions of an offer from Andrew Carnegie are such that the town can afford to support such an institution. The offer comes through Mrs. Charles W. Bartlett of Boston, formerly Miss Annie M. White of Acushnet, and the sister of the present town clerk, Alden White. Mrs. Bartlett has corresponded with Mr. Carnegie in regard to a library for the town.

SPOT COTTON.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Cotton spot closed quiet, 20 points lower; middling uplands 13.50, middling gulf 13.75. Sales, 400 bales.

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RUSSIA'S REPLY

No Time Limit Set for It

YOKOHAMA, Dec. 30.—At an extraordinary meeting of the privy council today the fact developed that no time limit had been set for Russia's reply to the last official note from the Japanese government. A strong opposition is now publicly manifested to the cabinet owing to the dilatory tactics they are pursuing.

The latest ordinance announced invests the commander of Formosa with full authority to act in case war is declared.

CARDINAL GIBBONS

COMMENTS ON LETTER OF POPE PIUS X.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 30.—Cardinal Gibbons, commenting today in an interview on the recent letter of Pope Pius X to Cardinal Respighi, expressing a desire for a reformation in church music in which he criticized certain music as an abuse of religion, expressed himself as follows:

"His holiness has referred to the extreme abuse through Italy and France. In some of the churches of those countries there is little suggestion of reverence and the ceremonies are given an operatic effect. It is this departure from the old custom that his holiness deplores and not necessarily the use of modern music.

"The music of the church in this country is in Gregorian chant, sweetened by fugued music. The Gregorian chant is the official music of the church, but fugued music within bounds is not condemned.

"In the 16th century, during the reign of Pope Pius IV, Palestrina effected a reform in church music by improving upon the Gregorian by means of fugued music. In this country there has been little abuse and we do not expect the pope's letter to effect a change in the church music of America."

CRUISER DETROIT

HAS BEEN ORDERED TO SANTO DOMINGO.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Cabling under date of today from Port of Spain to the navy department Admiral Lamberton states that he has ordered the cruiser Detroit to Santo Domingo to relieve the Scorpion, which was ordered there yesterday.

BANK CASHIER DEAD.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 30.—Henry O. Smith, for 35 years cashier of the First National bank at Romeo, Mich., died today at the home of his son-in-law, Rev. Reuben A. Beard in this city. He was 87 years of age. For ten years Mr. Smith lived in Nashua, N. H. In New Hampshire he acquired a reputation as a temperance orator.

PANAMA COMPANY MEETING.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—Owing to the recent events at Panama the annual meeting of the Panama canal company, which began today, developed unusual interest and excitement. Prior to the opening efforts were made to secure enough proxies to overrule the existing management of the company which is favorable to the sale of the company's property to the United States. The hall of agriculture was crowded with officials, stockholders and prominent financiers. At the opening of the meeting the management submitted a report of the recent events on the Isthmus.

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Best canned Peas	3 cans 25c.
Best Canned Pears	10c. a can
Best Corned Beef	3c. to 6c. a lb.
Best Corned Pork Rib	7c a lb.
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FROM YESTERDAY'S LATE EDITIONS

BOGUS SOLICITOR

Arrested by Deputy Welch This Afternoon

Had Bogus Prospectus for Hotel Calendar in His Possession—His Chum Was Also Taken into Custody

With a prospectus under his arm, a cigarette in his mouth and wearing a confident smile, a young man giving the name Thomas Matthews was arrested by Deputy Supt. Welch this afternoon on suspicion of being connected with a bogus ad soliciting scheme. A little later Inspector John Walsh took Matthews' chum, John Kenney, into custody. The police are not positive that they can hold Kenney, but Matthews had the evidence of his guilt, a prospectus for a hotel calendar stamped "Richardson House," bogus receipts, signed and unsigned. The skeleton calendar showed that seven two-inch spaces had been sold, but the chances are that the schemer didn't succeed in collecting in advance on more than three of them.

The police were notified by Dr. C. Bret Poole with offices at 408 Middlesex street, and a Mr. White, that they had been visited by a young man whom they believed to be a bogus ad solicitor. They both engaged space on the calendar, and their suspicions were aroused when the solicitor asked for his money in advance.

Deputy Supt. Welch was on his way from dinner about 2 o'clock this afternoon and had his lamps trimmed and burning. He saw the two fellows in conversation near the Arlington hotel in Central street.

Matthews entered the hotel while Kenney crossed the street and stood on the curbing near Cook & Taylor's.

Without arousing the suspicion of either one, the deputy telephoned to the police station and summoned Inspector Walsh to his assistance.

The inspector arrived in double quick time and while the deputy looked out for Matthews, the inspector shook hands with Kenney. They were taken to police station and after a rigid cross-examination Matthews was taken to a cell and Kenney was detained in the inspector's office to await further investigation.

Kenney says that he has known the other fellow for more than five years, but did not know his name was Matthews. "I understood his name was Tom Roche," he said to the deputy. The police do not believe that either of the men gave their right names.

Matthews, the police allege, is also wanted for another calendar swindle. A young man answering his description has been doing business with storekeepers, especially those in St. Patrick's parish, representing that he had been delegated to solicit ads. for St. Patrick's church calendar. It is alleged that he sold space rapidly and in many instances received money in advance.

MAY WAS SICK

That's Why He Didn't Support His Wife

The case of Joseph E. May, charged with failing to provide proper and lawful support for his wife, was called in police court this forenoon and was continued to this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The complainant, Mrs. Blanche E. May, was not on hand in the forenoon but was present when the case was called at 2 o'clock. The complaint covered a period of about four months and the complainant said that during that time her husband had failed to contribute to her support. When the complainant and another witness had been heard the defendant, who was without counsel, was sworn. He said that he has been sick since October 25. He alleged that he had been under the doctor's care for weeks and said that if allowed to he could have the doctor appear in court and corroborate his story.

The doctor was sent for but the case had not been resumed up to the time of going to press.

MERRY PARTY

SLEIGH RIDE TO TYNGSBORO AND SUPPER IN LOWELL.

"Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way."

So sang the guests of Mr. L. B. Challen, manager of the Lowell Trading association, on the way to and from Butterfield's at Tyngsboro, last evening. It was a sleigh ride party of the first water and Mr. Challen's guests were united in the opinion that he is a born entertainer as well as manager. The trip ended with a spread at Page's spa and the ride and the supper filled the evening with pleasure.

In the party were Mr. and Mrs. Challen, Mr. and Mrs. Robicheau, Miss Alma Nadeau, Miss Clara Nadeau, Miss A. Lapointe, Miss L. Roberge, Miss B. Brunelle, Mr. A. Brodeur and Albert Lavoie.

EDWARD A. MORRIS

CHOSEN PRESIDENT OF NORTH BILLERICA MATHEWS.

The Father Mathew T. A. society held an enthusiastic meeting at the Mathew hall in Lowell street, North Billerica, last evening. Four propositions for membership received. A committee of eight was appointed to conduct a whist tournament which begins next Thursday evening. Three prizes will be offered for the players scoring the highest number of points at the end of ten nights' play.

The following officers were elected: President, Edward A. Morris; vice-president, Neal R. Mahoney; recording secretary, Timothy McCarthy; financial secretary, Edward Riley; treasurer, Frederick Gannon; board of trustees, Carl Delehanty, John Hughes and John S. Welsh; board of examiners, Martin Conway, Jr., Wm. Holley and James Higgins; literary committee, Fred Corr, Owen Flynn and Thos. Twomey; spiritual director, Rev. Eugene Deroches, O. M. I.; marshal, James Burke.

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WILL PROSECUTE

Board of Health are After Butchers

WHO VIOLATE HEALTH LAWS

Will Engage Inspector of Provisions

The board of health at its regular meeting yesterday voted to prosecute the butcher from whose cart the health inspectors recently took four carcasses of "bob" veal. The agent was empowered to engage a butcher at the city's expense to make inspections from time to time, at least once a week during the present winter and next spring, and prosecute any violaters of the health laws in the meat markets of the city.

Mr. McGuinness, chairman of the board of plumber examiners, reported that the following have successfully passed the examination for journeyman plumbers: James Howard, 79 Andrews street; James McCarron, 216 High street; Walter H. Curtis, 64 Varnum avenue; Joseph J. Murphy, 52 South street.

It was voted that licenses be granted to the four young men.

Agent Knapp reported that the department would close the year without asking for an additional appropriation. He said that he would have about $25 to return on the office account and that of the $27,000 appropriated at the first of the year about eight cents would be returned to the general treasury fund.

It was voted on motion of Dr. Jackson that the Bertillon system of classifying death returns be adopted for the year 1904. Prior to the passage of this vote it was stated that physicians were becoming somewhat careless in their death reports and that such a system would put a stop to loose tactics in the future.

The board adjourned at 5.15 to meet again Saturday afternoon to finish up the department's business for the year.

FIRE MARSHAL'S AID

IS INVESTIGATING SEVERAL RECENT FIRES.

State Fire Marshal's Aid Casey has been in this city for several days past investigating mysterious fires which have occurred here during the past month. He has spent considerable time in looking into the Ribeault fire in Wilder street, where a barn was burned, and while he feels confident that the fire was set he has been unable to learn any further particulars in connection with it.

BIG VERDICT

FOR THE LOSS OF A HAND IN COTTON MILL.

Tuesday morning a verdict was returned by a jury in the session of superior civil court being held at Salem that is as high, if not the greatest that has ever been returned by a jury in a similar case in this county. The verdict was for $8500, and was given in the case of David A. Lynch against the Moses T. Stevens & Sons Manufacturing company of Andover and North Andover. The case was brought by Attorneys Eaton & Chandler of the Essex Bank building, to recover for the loss of the latter's hand in a picker machine while employed by the defendant company in the Maryland mill in Andover.

Mr. Lynch formerly resided on Morton street, Andover, and the accident occurred on Friday, December 6, 1901, two years ago. The case has been in the courts for some time and was finally assigned for trial last Monday. The trial of the case consumed the entire day. Judge Sherman presided.

The lawyers for the plaintiff were Eaton & Chandler, and the case as presented by Attorney Fred N. Chandler showed considerable preparation. They were highly complimented prior to any decision being reached. Ex-Congressman W. S. Knox represented the defendants. The plaintiff is now 18 years of age, when the accident occurred the boy was 16 years old and he had been employed in the card room of the Marland mill, previous to that time for almost two years.

He had been employed in the picker room only two weeks when the accident occurred and when the youth had his right hand torn into shreds.

NEEDLESS RUN

Chief Hosmer Heard Cars Were on Fire

Two of the companies at the central fire station had a needless run shortly before 8 o'clock last night. One of the engineers on a passenger train going into the Merrimack street station while bringing his train down the Dutton street track noticed smoke emerging from one of the freight trains on the siding.

As soon as his engine got back to the Middlesex street station the engineer notified one of the men around the station and the latter telephoned to Capt. Kew. Capt. Kew tried the central fire station and learning that Chief Hosmer was at home telephoned to the latter's residence, stating that a train of cars in Dutton street was on fire.

The chief in turn telephoned to the central fire station for two of the companies to go to the scene of the fire. The two companies hitched up as fast as possible and arriving found smoke issuing from one of the cars, but an investigation showed that it was the smoke from a stove which was placed in one of the potato cars to keep the potatoes from freezing.

HANDS INJURED

ACCIDENT IN TREMONT & SUFFOLK MILLS THIS MORNING.

Antonio Gonerei, a Greek, residing at 10 Gore street, was badly injured about the hands while at work in the Tremont & Suffolk mills this morning. He was taken to the corporation hospital in the ambulance.

BIG SNOWSLIDE

PEDESTRIANS HAD A NARROW ESCAPE.

Several pedestrians had a narrow escape from being badly hurt by a snowslide which fell from the roof of the building at the corner of Merrimack and John streets this afternoon. Two people were passing by and one was looking in Lawler's window when a large amount of snow started to slide from the roof and before any of the people were aware of it they were covered with snow. Luckily the slide was a small one, and outside of a little fright the people were unhurt.

STODDARD'S BOX

WAS FOUND TO CONTAIN ABOUT $75,000.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 30. State Officer Hazlehurst of Norwich, Conn., today obtained possession of the contents of Abbott L. Stoddard's safety deposit box through a writ of replevin, and the assistance of a local officer and papers to the value of about $75,000 were removed and taken to Norwich. Stoddard was arrested here last week on charge of larceny of about $30,000 and was taken to Norwich. He escaped from the jail at that place yesterday.

The writ is returnable January 11.

MAN MISSING

NO TRACE OF NORTH ANDOVER YOUNG MAN.

LAWRENCE, Dec. 30.—The mysterious disappearance of James Daw, only son of Chairman P. P. Daw of the North Andover board of selectmen, is causing much excitement in that historic suburb.

The young man, who is in his nineteenth year, attended an entertainment in this city Saturday evening and as far as can be learned, has not been seen since about 11.10 o'clock that night, when he was in North Andover.

At first it was believed that he had gone out of town to visit relatives, and consequently his absence occasioned no alarm until Tuesday.

Communication with towns where it was supposed the missing young man might be visiting failed to locate his whereabouts, neither have any tidings been learned of him.

His home environments were of the pleasantest character, he is industrious and not given to roaming, and no plausible reason can be assigned for his strange and sudden disappearance.

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 30—The American Kennel club of New York was incorporated here today. The directors are August Belmont of Hempstead, N. Y., Hollis Hunnewell of Wellesley, Mass., Hildreth K. Bloodgood, James W. Appleton, William G. Rockefeller of New York city, Marcel Viti of Philadelphia, Gouverneur M. Carnochan of Riverdale, N. Y., and William B. Emery of Boston.

AGED CURRIER DEAD.

WEYMOUTH, Mass., Dec. 30.—George E. Fairbanks, known throughout New England leather circles, died here today aged 79 years. He was a native of Scotland but for more than 50 years had been in business as a currier and leather bleacher in this country. He was a civil war veteran. A son and four daughters survive.

TO RESUME OPERATIONS.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 30.—Preparations are being made at the Duquesne plant of the Carnegie Steel company for the resumption on Jan. 1 of all the Open Hearth furnaces. There are 11 furnaces and the resumption will necessitate the operation of every mill in the plant.

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WANTS RECEIVER

Action Against the U. S. Steel Company

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 30.—The difficulties among the stockholders of the United States Steel Co. of Everett as to the conduct of the company's business resulted today in the filing of a petition for an injunction in a superior court asking that the company be restrained from disposing of any stock and also for the appointment of a receiver. The petition is filed by Adam M. Ross, Jr., and Lydie Ariel Ross, representing themselves and other stockholders. The appointment of a receiver is asked for on the ground that the company's affairs have been grossly mismanaged by its officers and directors and on the ground that the company is insolvent. They further ask for an injunction against the International Trust Co. of Boston to restrain it from disposing of any stocks or bonds in their possession by reason of a mortgage given by the United States Steel Co. of Everett. The petitioners also make complaint against President Charles S. Miller of the company and other officers.

PRIZES AWARDED.

The following awards have just been made by the judges in the Brownie picture contest conducted by the New England Optical Co., of this city and Manchester, N. H.:

Class A—Pictures taken and wholly finished by contestant. First prize, No. 2 Bull's-Eye Kodak, Mr. George W. Barber, Newton, Mass.; second prize, Brownie developing machine, Mary G. Richardson, Auburn, N. H.

Class B—Pictures taken by contestant, finished by professional photographer. First prize, No. 2 Flexo Kodak, Miss Ethel Chandler, Boston; second prize, $1 worth of supplies, Miss Maude A. Parlein, Tyngsboro, Mass.

Pictures by the following Lowell people were commended by the judges as worthy of honorable mention:

Mr. Hiram Merrill, 2 Osgood street; O. S. Gray, 48 Wamesit street; Earle Buss, 21 Bellevue street; Arthur Boulanger, 54 Bridge street.

The judges were Mr. L. L. Roush, artist, New York city; C. H. Webster, Boston, photographer for Boston & Maine railroad, and Mr. Cummings and Mr. Fraple of the Photo Era staff, Boston, Mass.

BARR ELECTED PRESIDENT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—At a meeting of the directors of the Seaboard Air-line today, J. Skelton Williams resigned the office of president of the company and Vice Pres. Barr was elected president and general manager. Mr. Williams was elected chairman of the board of directors.

WALL STREET GOSSIP.

WALL STREET, 10.10 a. m.—Trading was quite active in the opening dealings in the stock market and the changes were somewhat mixed, but with gains predominating. The changes were generally fractional and unimportant. There was, however, a drop of 1½ in Brooklyn Transit, a jump of 7⅛ in Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis, a rise of a point in Pacific Mail and of ⅝ in Amalgamated Copper on running sales of 2700 shares.

11 a.m.—Yesterday's buyers among the board room operators turned sellers to realize their profits and the market weakened decidedly. Southern Pacific, Amalgamated and United States Steel pfd., were let go with more freedom than any other stocks and their heaviness was soon communicated to the general list. Except for the comparatively inactive stocks fluctuation was confined to sharp declines and the market steadied. Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis gained 10 in all and fell back 3½. American Express moved up five and St. Paul pfd., and Anaconda 2. Among the losses were Westinghouse Electric 3½ and General Electric, Brooklyn Union Gas, Consolidated Gas, Metropolitan Street Railway, Northwestern and Rock Island a point or more.

Noon—Stocks continued to be freely offered under the influence of the firm 7 per cent. call money rate. Declines ran to a point or more in Pennsylvania, New York Central, Missouri Pacific, Kansas and Texas pfd., United States Steel pfd., and People's Gas. Westinghouse Electric lost 5. Metropolitan securities 3¾, General Electric, 3; Brooklyn Transit, 2¼; Kansas City Southern pfd., Realty pfd., and Delaware & Hudson 2, and Metropolitan Street Railway 1½. Chattanooga and St. Louis reacted 5½. There was a rise of 3¾ in Lead pfd., and of about a point in New York, Chicago & St. Louis second pfd., and St. Joseph and Grand Island first pfd.

Bonds were easy.

1 p. m.—Additional losses running to a point were made by Baltimore & Ohio, Reading, Southern Pacific and Tennessee Coal before an easing up in the money rate became effective, in checking the selling. But little recovery, however, was made by the specialties and western stocks and the general market became quite dull after hardening a small fraction. Colorado Fuel declined 2.

2 p. m.—The market became very feverish and rallied suddenly and rather violently. Union and Southern Pacific and Amalgamated were carried to a fraction over last night. Prices receded and the market became dull. Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis relapsed 2½ under last night. Realty pfd. rose a point over last night and as suddenly reacted 1½.

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TO OUST TRAMPS

New State Office May be Created

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—It is understood that a bill will be introduced in the approaching session of the state legislature, asking for the creation of the office of state police supervisor, whose duty it will be to do all possible to clear the state of tramps and vagrants. The decision to present this measure is the result of public agitation arising from the large number of crimes recently committed in Massachusetts and from the discovery of the fact that the state has been infested with homeless and begging men. It is designed that the tramp class of criminal will be studied thoroughly with the end in view that specific crimes may be frustrated.

STRIKERS RESTRAINED.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 30.—Judge Carter of the superior court today issued a temporary injunction against striking employes of the Indianapolis Foundry Co., restraining them from interfering in any way with the operation of the plant. In doing so the court quoted the words of John Mitchell of the United Mine Workers against lawlessness, that no good union man will ever be a law breaker, as advice for the guidance of the union molders.

DECLARED DIVIDEND.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30—The directors of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railway today declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1¾ per cent.

Best Coal
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BOSTON & MAINE R. R.

Corrected to October 12, 1903. Trains leave Merrimack street depot, Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.43, 6.22, x6.42, *7.45, *8.50, *9.40, 11.00 a. m.; 1.40, 4.25, x5.44 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.45 a. m.

Trains leave Middlesex street station, Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.16, 6.28, *6.39, x6.45, w6.59, 7.01, *7.24, 7.31, *7.48, w*8.00, *8.57, w9.25, *9.50, w10.50, 11.05, *11.43 a. m.; w12.05, 12.14, w12.45, 1.41, *1.56, w2.30, x3.03, w3.10, *3.47, w3.55, 4.25, w5.06, 5.22, x5.44, w6.15, *6.22, w7.00, 7.20, w9.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, 6.39, 7.28, w8.15, 8.48, 9.10 a. m.; w12.05, w1.05, 4.25, w5.30, 5.58, w9.00 p. m.

For Lawrence, 6.28, w6.50, z7.31, w8.30, w9.25, w10.50 a. m.; w12.05, 1.28, w2.30, w3.55, w5.06, w6.15, w7.00, w9.25, wq11.25 p. m. Sundays, w8.15 a. m.; w12.05, w5.30 p. m.

For Salem, Mass., 7.31 a. m.; w12.05, 1.28, a2.30, a3.55, w5.06, 6.28 p. m.

For Haverhill, 6.28, 6.50, z7.31, 8.30, 9.25, 10.50 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, w3.55, w5.06, 6.15, 7.00, 9.25, q11.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.15 a. m.; 12.05, 5.30 p. m.

For Newburyport, Amesbury and Portsmouth, 6.28 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.55, 6.15 p. m.

For Exeter and Dover, 6.28, 6.50, z7.31, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.55, 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Rochester and Alton Bay, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.55 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Somersworth, N. H., Saco, Old Orchard and Portland, 6.28, 6.50, z7.31, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.55 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Augusta, Bath, Waterville, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Lewiston, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 5.06 p. m.

For Skowhegan, 8.30 a. m.

For Bangor, Belfast and Rockland, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For St. John, N. B., Halifax, N. S., 5.06 p. m. (5.06 does not run Saturdays.) SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Eastport and St. John (via steamer from Portland,) on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 12.05 p. m.

For Castine, Deer Isle, Sedgwick, Bar Harbor, Jonesport, Machiasport (via steamer Frank Jones from Portland,) Tuesday and Friday at 5.06 p. m.

Last trip of season Oct. 30, 1903.

For Woburn, 6.28, 7.01, *7.[illegible], 11.05 a. m.; 1.41, 4.28 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.48 a. m.; 4.25, 5.58 p. m.

For Ayer Junction, Stations on W. N. & P. and Fitchburg divisions, 7.07, 11.55 a. m.; 5.01 and 5.12 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2.15 p. m.

For Stations on W. N. & P. division, Nashua to Portland, Me., 9.03 a. m.; (3.50 p. m. to Rochester only.)

For Amherst, Milford and Wilton, 9.03 a. m.; 1.00, 3.40, 5.30 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2 p. m.

For Greenfield, Peterboro, Bennington, Hillsboro and Keene, 9.03 a. m.; 3.40 p. m. SUNDAYS, to Hillsboro, 2 p. m.

For Nashua, Manchester and Concord, 7.30, 9.03, 9.29, *10.29 a. m.; *12.09, 1.00, *1.39, 3.40, *5.29, 6.27, *8.10, *9.10 p. m. SUNDAYS, 10.02 a. m.; 2.00, 6.12, *8.10, *9.10 p. m.

For Franklin, Lebanon, White River Junction, 7.30, *9.29 a. m.; *12.09, *1.39 (to Franklin only), 5.40, *8.10 p. m.

For Warner, Bradford, Sunapee, Newport, (N. H.,) Claremont and Claremont Junction, 7.30 a. m.; 1.39 p. m.

For Stations on White Mt. Division, 9.29, *10.39 a. m.; 1.39 p. m. (5.29 p. m. to Plymouth) *10.10, 3.24 p. m.

For St. Johnsbury and Lyndonville, via Wells River, *10.39 a. m.; *1.39, *10.10 p. m.

For Montpelier, Essex Junction, Burlington, St. Albans, St. Johns and Montreal via Central Vermont line, *9.39 a. m.; *12.09, *8.10 p. m.

For Montreal and Quebec, via Montreal and Boston Air line, *10.39 a. m.; *10.10 p. m.

QUEBEC EXPRESS via Plymouth and Sherbrooke, *10.39 a. m.; *9.10 p. m. (daily except Saturdays.

References:
aVia Wakefield Junction.
*Express. bDaily.
qWednesdays and Saturdays only.
wVia Western Division.
xVia Bedford. zVia Wilmington Junc.

D. J. FLANDERS, Gen. Pass. and Ticket Agent.
H. C. TAFT, General Agent, Lowell.

SPECIAL NOTICES

ALL pigeon fanciers interested in the organizing of a Homing club will please meet at the residence of Joseph Dyer, East Chelmsford, Sunday, Jan. 3, 1904, at 3 p. m.

THE FOLLOWING SAYS: That you can get a Doll Carriage, a Go-Cart or a handsome Doll with a pound of Tea or a two pounds of Coffee at Dickson's Tea Store, 68 Merrimack street.

THE SUN IN BOSTON—The two o'clock and five o'clock editions of The Sun are on sale every day at both newsstands in the Union station, Boston.

LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To all persons interested in the estate of June M. Charters, late of Lowell, in said county, deceased:

Whereas, Georgiella Ritchie, executrix of the will of John P. Ritchie, who was the executor of the will of said deceased, has presented for allowance the first and final account of said John P. Ritchie's administration upon the estate of said deceased.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate court to be held at Cambridge, in said county, on the fifth day of January, A. D. 1904, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said Georgiella Ritchie is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day at least before said court, and by mailing, postpaid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, first judge of said court, this sixteenth day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and three.

S. H. FOLSOM, Register.

HELP WANTED

WANTED—Table girl. 98 John street.

WANTED—Experienced solicitors to represent a reliable tea company to sell high grade tea, coffee, baking powder and soap; only those that have had experience and can furnish the best of references need apply; by mail. Alex Goldstein, 476 Merrimack street.

WANTED—Capable woman, Catholic preferred, as housekeeper in small family. Address W., Sun office.

WANTED—Machinist, one used to cotton machinery preferred. Apply to Hamilton Woolen Co., Amesbury, Mass.

WANTED—Barber at once. Apply 53 Gorham street.

WANTED—Experienced Waukenhose knitters; steady work. Apply W. H. Howard, manager, Gee building, 146 Fletcher street, Lowell.

WANTED—A woman to do light housework for a working family. 31 Union St.

WANTED—Girl to work in bakery. Apply 491 Central street, Wilcox's.

WANTED—Man used to wood business. Apply 41 Meade street, evenings.

WANTED—Girl to do general housework. 163 Market street.

WANTED—A housegirl. Mrs. Ames, 159 Pleasant street, Navy Yard.

RULER WANTED—A steady, reliable, first class paper ruler can have a life position in a Massachusetts coast city. Bank and corporation work. Man with family preferred. Address box 15, Lowell Sun office.

WANTED—A first class collector; state experience, age and salary expected. Address box 50, Sun office.

WANTED—Table girl at Mrs. Coughlin's, 712 Suffolk street.

ANY BUSINESS can be improved by advertising it in this column.

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SAVE 30 PER CENT.—Buy your butter at the Elwood Tea Co.; we get it fresh every week from Vermont creamery; also we have received a large lot of remnants of linen towels which we will offer cheap. The Elwood Tea and Coffee Co., Davis Sq.

A. O. U. W.—This is important; send your name, age and address to P. O. box 469, Lowell, Mass.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—White bull dog, brown spot on back, brown on ear; no name on collar. Return 21 Jewett street or 6 West Burnside street. Reward.

FOUND—Horse blanket. Owner may have by proving property, paying adv. 195 Fayette street.

LOST—Lady's fur boa at Lowell Junction Sunday at 6.15 p. m. Reward at 33 Phillips street. Tel. 962-3.

LOST—A sum of money Sunday between Chestnut street and St. Anne's church. Return to this office and receive reward.

MONEY TO LOAN

PAWNBROKER—Money to loan; money loaned on all valuable articles, clothing; rates reasonable. A. Stein, 343 Middlesex street, Lowell, Mass.

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FOR SALE—A square piano, price very low, as owner is leaving town. Inquire Sun office.

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SLEIGH FOR SALE—A second-hand driving sleigh, cheap. Inquire at Goyette's paint shop, 286 Thorndike street.

FOR SALE—Horse and team, value $300, may be had for $175; private family preferred. Apply Sun office.

FOR SALE—Wood in large or small lots at the lowest possible prices. P. Cogger, 438 Riverside street. Telephone 482-2.

PIGS for sale at Mr. Lynch's, next house to Foster school, Tewksbury Centre.

FOR SALE—Carrots for horses by the barrel. C. H. Cutter, 691 Mammoth road, Dracut. Telephone connection.

FOR SALE—Restaurant doing a good business, a good investment; ill health the cause for wishing to sell. Call at 60 Gorham street.

FOR SALE—A variety store situated in a good business neighborhood, established trade of seven years; an exceptionally fine place for one who dressmakes; poor health of owner reason for selling. For all particulars, terms, etc., inquire of E. R. Donovan, room 1, Swan block, 26 Central street. It may be your opportunity.

RUBBER STAMPS at wholesale prices; 1-in. one line stamps 15c.; 1½ in., 20c; 35c ink pads, 25c; 25c ink pads, 15c; 50c linen markers 25c; business stamps, 15c per line. J. M. Fellows, 158 Merrimack street.

MISCELLANEOUS

MISS UPTON, clairvoyant, card reader, business medium. 81 Merrimack street.

TELEGRAPHY—A new class will open Jan. 1st. Anyone desiring to enter this class should apply to H. L. Whitton, 890 Gorham street.

HIGHLAND REMNANT STORE, 30 Plea street—We are showing a fine line of mercerized vestings, wash silks, Ottomans, Eddy silks, mercerized cheviots, basket goods, Barnaby ginghams for shirts, waists and suits; no finer line in the city and prices below all reason; there is nothing that will make any better Christmas present than a nice shirt waist; all colors guaranteed and patterns up to date; in fact, everything in the latest.

WOOD GIVEN AWAY—2½ miles out. Apply to depot master, Wamesit station. Must be cut and taken away at once.

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DRESS GOODS REMNANTS, cheap, from the Merrimack woolen mills. Corner store, Lakeview avenue and Pleasant street, Navy Yard.

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STOVES—New and secondhand, bought, sold and exchanged. Reliable Furniture Co., 165 Middlesex street.

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SAVE MONEY by buying your wall papers and having your paperhanging done at D. Baker & Co.'s, 150 Gorham St. We will paper your room with gilt paper for $2. Good workmanship guaranteed; send postal, will call with samples.

NEW AND SECOND HAND FURNITURE bought and sold; also furniture moving done in a careful manner; always big bargains at our store. McGauvran Bros., Merrimack street, opp. City hall.

LADIES—Dr. LaFranco's Compound gives positive relief; powerful combination; used by 200,000 women; price cents; druggists or by mail. Address LaFranco & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

MOTHERS—Bent's Destroyer kills lice on children and all insects; cures dandruff and itching scalp, prevents falling hair; harmless, 25c. Only at Falls & Burkinshaw's, 418 Middlesex street.

TO LET

TO LET—In the Highlands, 42 Ho street, off Bellevue street, a five-room flat, hot and cold water, bath. Apply at office of Bon Marche or after 6 p. m. at 28 Burtt street.

FOR RENT—In the Highlands, an upstairs flat of five rooms with bath. 178 Stevens street, near corner of Westford. Rent $14.

TO LET—Steam heated rooms, gas and bath. Wellman house, Centralville, 15 W 4th street.

TO LET—Middlesex street, 3 rooms, $6.50; Middlesex street, 3 rooms, $7; Middlesex street, 3 rooms, $7.50; close to Northern depot, 4 rooms, $8.50; Centralville, handy to mills, 3 rooms, $5.50; 5 rooms, $6.50; 5 rooms, $7.50; Concord street, 3 rooms, $6.50; house and barn and 3 acres of land on Hildreth street, $12.50; Chelmsford street, cottage and barn, $8. The above has been made extra snug and warm for the winter. T. H. Elliott, 64 Central St.

TO LET—At 108 Butterfield street, furnished room with steam heat, bath and gas; lady preferred; $1.50 per week.

TO RENT—Convenient 4-room tenement for small family. G. P. Walker, 961 Middlesex street.

TO LET—One 4-room and one 3-room tenement. Inquire at 81 Chestnut street.

TO LET—Small tenements, 634 Broadway; rent low.

TO LET—Blacksmith shop fully equipped ready for business. Apply at 255 Lincoln street.

TO LET—Tenement of 5 rooms with or without barn. 15 Lombard street.

TO LET—A desirable house on South Canton street, all modern improvements, steam heat. Inquire at 912 Middlesex St.

TENEMENTS in all parts of the city at all prices; we have several that will make extra warm, sunny homes for the winter. T. H. Elliott, 64 Central street.

TO LET—5, 6, 7-room tenements in good repair. 161 Lawrence street.

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EXPERIENCED LADY desires position in restaurant or bakery. Address Mamie King, G. D., Lowell, Mass.

SITUATION WANTED by respectable young lady to do general housework. Address A 24, Sun office.

WANTED—Situation by lady to do light housework; does not object to children. Call 18 Branch street.

JAPAN MUST STRIKE

Cannot Wait Longer for a Final Decision

BERLIN, DEC. 30.—THE LOKAL ANZEIGER WITHOUT RESERVE, SAYS: "THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS INFORMED THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE POWERS AT TOKIO, THAT THE SITUATION AT THIS MOMENT IS UNBEARABLE AND THAT JAPAN MUST STRIKE IF RUSSIA DOES NOT ACCEPT THE PROPOSITIONS JAPAN HAS SUBMITTED, AS JAPAN CAN NO LONGER WAIT FOR A FINAL DECISION.

BOUGHT TWO WARSHIPS

LONDON, DEC. 30.—JAPAN THIS EVENING COMPLETED THE PURCHASE OF THE ARGENTINE WARSHIPS MORENO AND RIVADAVIA, BUILDING AT GENOA, ITALY, FOR WHICH RUSSIA IS ALSO NEGOTIATING.

A CRITICAL STAGE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—At the Russian embassy and at the Japanese legation the Associated Press is informed that the situation in the far east has entered upon a critical stage. Both the Russian ambassador, Count Cassini and Mr. Kogoro Takahira, the Japanese minister, express the hope that war is not yet inevitable. Count Cassini goes further and is of the opinion that the situation may yet be saved without recourse to arms, but the ambassador has no official advices on which to base this belief and it is only his personal view of the matter. Mr. Takahira takes a more pessimistic view of the case.

MOBILIZING TROOPS.

BERLIN, Dec. 30—News has been received here confirming previous reports that Japan is mobilizing, probably with the object of occupying Korea. The confirmation has reached the German government officially and it is interpreted here, as in Paris, to mean, not that Japan intends to send an ultimatum to Russia; but that Japan may occupy Korea without Russia considering it a casus belli.

The situation is regarded here tonight as developing rapidly yet not necessarily toward war.

STILL HOPE FOR PEACE.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—6.52 a. m.—It was said at the foreign office this afternoon that up to this time the officials had received no intimation of the nature of the Russian reply to the Japanese but they were still hopeful of a peaceful solution.

WILL NOT HURRY

RUSSIA WILL TAKE PLENTY OF TIME.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—6.55 p. m.—While still not believing that war between Russia and Japan will occur the optimistic tone in official and diplomatic circles here was somewhat modified today by advices from Tokio and St. Petersburg. Japan, it appears, is hastening preparations for the purpose, it is suggested, of influencing Russia's action upon the Japanese note. Russia, on the other hand, has no intention to hurry. Her reply is not expected to be made before Jan. 10. Russia's purpose seems to be to put the onus of declaring war upon Japan, if such be the result of the negotiations.

NO ULTIMATUM YET.

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—The foreign office says the German representatives at Tokio have not been informed in the sense which the Lokal Anzeiger says they have, and further, that the Russian government has not received an ultimatum for that would be in effect the meaning of such a declaration.

The Japanese legation says it has not received any intelligence from Tokio confirming the statement that Japan's patience is exhausted.

ACTIVE TRADING

Still Noted in the Cotton Market

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Speculation in cotton was resumed on an exceedingly active scale today and trade sentiment seemed no less nervous and settled than on yesterday. From the clang of the gong fluctuations were wildly erratic. Cables were a shade better than expected and after the opening weakened the outlook was for heavy receipts.

First prices were seven points higher to 8 points lower and following the call ruled very erratic. May opened [illegible] 13.75, a net loss of 5 points, sold up [illegible] 13.80 on the call, then broke to [illegible], recovered slightly but within the [illegible] half hour sold back to 13.56, a net [illegible] of 24 points, while the other months showed equally wide changes [illegible] the general tendency downward [illegible] result of heavy liquidation and [illegible] that the bulls were unloading. [illegible] the lowest level of the morning [illegible] sold at 13.29, May at 13.40 and [illegible] at 13.44, a net loss of 35 to 40 [illegible] and a decline of about $4.35 a [illegible] from the best prices of yester[illegible]. About midday the bulls quickly [illegible] their tactics and began bid[illegible] aggressively while the room [illegible] that had been helping to sell [illegible] market down turned to cover and [illegible] torrent of buying came in [illegible] prices rallying to about the [illegible] point of the morning or just about [illegible] with last night's close. This [illegible] succeeded by another down-turn [illegible] several points and early afternoon [illegible] losses of 9 @ 11 points on the [illegible] months.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 30.—Cotton opened easy and apparently nervous, giving way three to four points. After that, amid some excitement, it advanced six to seven points, on the receipt of the New York opening. The market finally gave way, January and February touching 6.93 and closed weak.

GENERAL CHAFFEE

THE NEXT ONE TO BE PROMOTED.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30—Official announcement has been made at the war department that on January 9, when Lt. Gen. S. B. M. Young will retire because of age, Maj. Gen. Adna R. Chaffee will be promoted to the grade of lieutenant-general and be made chief of staff.

General Chaffee is probably the best known officer of the army now on the active list, and his selection to be chief of staff meets with the hearty approval of the army. His career has been remarkable. In 1861 he enlisted in the 6th cavalry as a private. For nearly two years he served as an enlisted man and in 1863 he became a second lieutenant. Since then his rise has been in accordance with law. As an Indian fighter he has had few superiors.

It is the intention of the administration to promote and retire next month several brigadier-generals, giving them the retired rank of major-general. Colonels who served in the Civil war with good records are to be made brigadier-generals and retired, the permanent vacancies in that grade filled by the appointment of young, energetic officers. Capt. Pershing, Capt. A. S. Mills, superintendent of the military academy, and Capt. Clarence R. Edwards, colonel and chief of the bureau of insular affairs, are mentioned as likely to obtain promotion to the grade of brigadier-general.

TURNED ON GAS

WOMAN TRIED TO COMMIT SUICIDE.

MONTREAL, Que., Dec. 30.—A woman registered at St. Lawrence Hall yesterday as "Mrs. Marchand, Portland, Me." A few hours later she was found unconscious, from gas poisoning, upon the floor of her room, and very near to death. According to her own story, she married David Marchand, a Grand Trunk railroad conductor, about a year ago, and in November last a child was born, but died.

Marchand, she says, visited her regularly, and she came up here the day before Christmas, hoping to spend the holidays with him. Then she learned that she was not his lawful wife, and that he was living here with his first wife. She sent for him, she says, and he came with a detective, and took away her wedding ring and marriage certificate.

She went to the hotel, and wrote her husband an affectionate note, saying "You are falser than I thought you were, Dave, but I forgive you. I want you to bury me beside my baby boy. I still think of you kindly, and I know that you will feel badly. Try and forget mother."

Then she wrote another note and asked that the following people be notified of her death: A. Marchand, 49 Fore street, Portland; Miss C. L. Latham, 72 South street, Boston; Frank Lane, 91 Lancaster street, Portland; Alexander Pooler, Richmond.

After writing these notes she took a drink of brandy, and, fastening the door, turned on the gas and waited for the end. A bellboy noticed the odor of gas and doctors were sent for. It is thought that she will recover.

David Marchant said last night: "I met her when I was running into Portland. Her name is Alice Mullen, and she was a waitress where I lived. I finally gave her money to help her set up a boarding house and she seemed to be doing very well. She told many people that I had married her, but I did not. She once tried to shoot me. It is all nonsense for her to say that we took her ring and marriage certificate away from her. She did not have any. She wanted some money and I gave her some that she could go back to Portland. If she bothers me again I shall have her arrested."

MINISTER MARRIED.

BERNARDSVILLE, N. J., Dec. 30—The marriage of Miss Caroline Green Mitchell to Rev. Anson Phelps Stokes, Jr., of New Haven, Conn., took place at St. Bernard's church here today.

The ceremony was read by Rev. Ralph Brydges of Islip, L. I., and by Rev. T. A. Conover, rector of St. Bernard's. The Right Rev. Edwin S. Lines, bishop of Newark and late rector of St. Paul's church, New Haven, pronounced the blessing.

Miss Anna Mitchell, a sister of the bride, was maid of honor. There were no bridesmaids. The best man was J. G. Phelps Stokes, brother of the bridegroom.

The groom is the third son of Anson Phelps Stokes of New York city. He is secretary of the Yale corporation and assistant rector of St. Paul's church, New Haven. The bride is the daughter of the late Clarence Green Mitchell.

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JAIL SENTENCE

For Italian Charged With Robbery

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 30.—Guiseppe Mannino, who was arrested in New York on the Anchor line dock in September on the charge of holding up and robbing Paymaster Sherman of the Saranac mills, Woonsocket, was given a sentence of five years imprisonment in the supreme court today. Mannino entered a plea of nolo, and as the state said that they would be satisfied with a minimum sentence, the above sentence was accordingly pronounced. With two other Italians, Ferdinando Fatalamante and Antonio Mansoni, Mannino is alleged to have held up Mr. Sherman on the tow path at Woonsocket on the morning of Saturday, Sept. 19, and to have relieved him of about $3000 which he was conveying in his carriage to the mill to pay off the mill operatives.

After the accomplishment of their purpose the three men disappeared, going to Boston, where they separated, Mannino going to New York city to take passage to Italy, when he was apprehended.

PERRY HEATH

MADE AN ERROR IN HIS INTERVIEW.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30—Widespread publicity has been given to an interview with Perry S. Heath, in which Mr. Heath declared that President McKinley told him "it was his firm conviction that he would live to see Hanna president, and that he would receive the nomination from his party." Mr. Heath is quoted as saying: "I saw President McKinley only a few days before he was shot at Buffalo. He was in the White House in Washington and I had a long talk with him pertaining to the next presidential election. During the conversation Mr. McKinley, in speaking of the man who would succeed him, said: 'I expect to see my friend and associate, Marcus A. Hanna, the next president of the United States. I believe he will be nominated and elected.'"

Mr. Heath then goes on to say: "Mr. McKinley went to Canton the following day, and the next day thereafter was shot while at Buffalo." Mr. Heath thus locates this conversation in the White House in Washington two days before the shooting of President McKinley at Buffalo, inasmuch as the president "went to Canton the following day, and the next day thereafter was shot at Buffalo."

But Mr. Heath is mistaken as to the time when this conversation at the White House took place. For it is a matter of general knowledge that President McKinley left Washington with Mrs. McKinley for Canton July 6, and never returned to this city. He went direct to Canton from Washington and remained there all summer. He was shot in Buffalo Sept. 6, just two months from the day he had gone from his office in the White House. It is well known that he did not at any time return to Washington before the Buffalo tragedy.

GOT HOMESICK

CHORUS GIRLS LONGED TO SEE BOSTON.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—"I won't stay another minute. I want to go back to Boston."

It was one of the chorus girls of the "Yankee Consul" company, which is now playing at the Studebaker theatre, who was speaking. A pale-faced official of the company, who thought he saw trouble ahead, stood in front of her and pleaded.

"What do you want to talk that way for?" he asked. "The holidays will soon be over, and then you will not be homesick any more. I would be brave if I were you."

The trouble started on the stage of the theatre Christmas eve, when boxes and bales of presents for the members of the chorus were received. The company was recruited in Boston and very few of the chorus girls had been on the stage before. They were fresh from music schools and got along all right until Christmas came, when an epidemic of homesickness broke out among them, and they laughed before the scenery only to go behind it and cry.

"I also am going home," said another, and a dozen others announced their intention of leaving the company.

"Chicago is such a dirty and lonesome place," they said.

"Fiddle, it has Boston beaten a mile," said the manager, who was beginning to be desperate. The girls have now promised to remain until New Year's day, by which time it is hoped their homesickness will have left them.

STOCK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30—The stock market opened irregular. Amalgamated Copper 51¼ to 51⅝, Atchison 69⅝, Baltimore & Ohio 80⅞, Brooklyn Transit 53¼, Canadian Pacific 119¼, Erie 29¾, do. pfd. 68⅞, Louisville 110¼, Manhattan 141½, Missouri Pacific 88¾, Norfolk & Western 58, Ontario & Western 23⅞, Penna. 119¾, Reading 45⅞, Rock Island 24⅞, Sugar 127⅞, St. Paul 147⅞, Southern Pacific 50⅞, Southern Railway 21¼, Union Pacific 80¾, United States Steel 12⅞, do. pfd. 57½.

COTTON FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Cotton futures opened steady. Dec., 13.25 @ 13.50; Jan., 13.35; Feb., 13.55; March, 13.73; April, 13.65; May, 13.75; June, 13.75; July, 13.78; Aug. 13.40.

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F. P. Moody,	Albert E. Moore,

Falls & Burkinshaw.

CORAM CASE

The Court Gives Decision Favorable to Plaintiff

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—An opinion was filed in the United States circuit court by Judge Putnam this afternoon in the case of Eva A. Ingersoll, administratrix of the estate of Robert G. Ingersoll against Joseph A. Coram of Lowell and others to the effect that the plaintiff has a good lien on the property of the defendant on account of legal services rendered by Mr. Ingersoll. The plaintiff's husband acted as attorney in the case of the estate of the late Andrew G. Davis of Butte, Mont., who died leaving a property valued at from two million to five million dollars.

The court finds that this lien rests upon the agreement of the defendants, who inherited a part of the Davis estate, to serve as counsel and finds that it does not rest on the statutes of Montana which give an attorney's lien in certain cases. The amount claimed to be due the administratrix is about $140,000, being the sum of $95,000 and accumulating interest. The case will now be heard upon its merits.

NOTABLE COTILLON

GIVEN IN HONOR OF MISS ROOSEVELT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Last night Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh gave an elaborate cotillon of 60 couples in honor of Miss Alice Roosevelt. Her partner in the dance was Lieut. Edward McCauley, Jr. The music for the occasion was rendered by Haley's orchestra. This occasion was the notable social event of the week. The company assembled in the Louis XIV drawing room of the magnificent Walsh mansion and after the assignment of partners were ushered to the great ball room.

The early evening was devoted to a short program of dancing, and then supper was served in the theatre at 11 o'clock and the cotillon began at midnight. The favors were exceptionally beautiful. Ivory wands, fans edged with the costliest lace and decorated by the most famous artists, some of them souvenirs of Watteau and other decorators, shepherdess hats made more daintily that even Amarylis knew in the golden age, and a multitude of choice souvenirs were distributed. When the ladies were decked as shepherdesses, quaint headgear and brilliant capes were distributed to the gentlemen, and the scene was one of the loveliest imaginable.

There was no set scheme of floral decoration, but masses of pink and white azalies and specially grown lilacs were distributed around the hall and throughout the mansion in the most tasteful profusion. Mrs. Walsh wore a white silk gown trimmed in lace, and was untiring in her efforts to promote the pleasure of the dance. Altogether the affair was well planned and one of the most brilliant spectacles ever seen in Washington.

Miss Roosevelt returned to Washington from New York yesterday and will spend some time at the White House. Mrs. Roosevelt has issued invitations for a dinner on Jan. 8, the evening following the reception to the diplomatic corps, for which the cards are already out.

LEFT A FORTUNE

YOUNG GIRL IS HEIR TO MORE THAN HALF A MILLION DOLLARS.

WASHINGTON, Vt., Dec. 30—Ella M. Spooner, a young woman of this town, is the only heir of Thomas Newman, who died recently at Wheeling, W. Va., leaving bank deposits and gilt-edged securities amounting to more than half a million dollars.

Newman lived very modestly and was not believed by his friends to possess a fortune. The discovery of his wealth caused great surprise here, where he formerly lived. Miss Spooner has taken steps to secure her inheritance.

QUIET IN KISHINEFF.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 30.—It is officially announced in view of the reports current abroad of renewed attacks on the Jews, that Kishineff was never quieter than at the present time.

ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 30—The second day's session of the American Economic association was held in Tulane university, President Seligman presided. The proceedings opened with the reading of a paper by Prof. Frank A. Fetter of Cornell university on the relations between rent and interest.

TO FOUND HOSPITAL.

BOSTON, Dec. 30—The will of the late Peter B. Brigham is sustained by a decision handed down by Justice Colt in the United States circuit court today and the $5,000,000 involved will go toward founding the Brigham hospital, according to the wishes of the testator. The heirs-at-law contested this provision. The decision holds that the heirs-at-law and next of kin have no valid claim to the fund.

DIED OF OLD AGE.

AMSTERDAM, N. Y., Dec. 30—Mary Holmes, wife of Peter Fuller, is dead at Palatine Bridge from the infirmities of advanced age. She was born in Connecticut in 1803, but had lived at Palatine 60 years. Her aged husband, so infirm as to be unable to realize his wife's death, survives.

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COMPANY LIABLE

Railroad Responsible for Value of Goods

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 30.—In the United States circuit court today Judge Acheson handed down an opinion in the case of William Doyle vs. the Baltimore & Ohio railroad which will likely be far reaching in its effect. In the opinion, Judge Acheson virtually says that under the present methods of doing business a railroad company is responsible for the full value of goods lost in transit, notwithstanding the printing or stamping of a clause on the face of the bill of loading, calling for a maximum allowance for release, unless the agreement as to value road and the shipper and also agree- shall have been made between the rail- ment as to freight rate and the signature of the shipper secured to the agreement.

The case was tried at the November term of court and the jury found for the plaintiff in the sum of $5000, subject to the opinion of the court on a question of law reserved. The question was "whether by virtue of the bill of lading the liability of the defendant is conclusively limited to $5 per 100 pounds, to wit: The sum of $232.50, with interest."

OUT ON STRIKE

STONE MASONS IN SYMPATHY WITH BRICKLAYERS.

GROTON, Conn., Dec. 30—Stone masons employed upon the estate of Morton F. Plant at Eastern Point went out on strike today in sympathy with the bricklayers who struck last week because three plasterers employed with them did not carry cards of the local branch of the International Bricklayers' and Masons' union of America. The men carried cards in the Plasterers' association of Boston. The International body claims jurisdiction over the entire United States. A member of the local union will make a proposition for settlement to Norcross Bros. of Worcester, Mass., who are the contractors for the mason work. In case Norcross Bros. fail to accept the proposition it is said that work on all its contracts will be tied up.

CARBOLIC ACID

WELL KNOWN INSURANCE MAN COMMITTED SUICIDE.

ROME, N. Y., Dec. 30—Edwin R. Farrier, one of the best known insurance men in Rome, committed suicide today by swallowing nearly an ounce of carbolic acid with a glass of beer. He was 56 years old. His accounts were straight and there is no explanation for his act.

MINISTER SQUIERS

HAS HASTENED BACK TO CUBA.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Minister Squiers has again curtailed his leave of absence and hastened to Cuba. He will arrive at Havana by the end of the week. It is understood that the rather extraordinary legislation pending in the Cuban congress requires the presence of the American minister. The proposed changes in the Cuban tariff schedules are regarded in some quarters here as tending to vitiate the spirit if not the letter of the Cuban reciprocity treaty.

EMPEROR JOSEPH

HAS QUITE RECOVERED FROM HIS ACCIDENT.

VIENNA, Dec. 30—Emperor Francis Joseph has quite recovered from his accident and is pursuing his ordinary avocations today, giving private and general audiences as usual.

There is no truth in the report, published abroad, that the emperor had a stroke of paralysis. His majesty is perfectly well.

MARTIN F. CARNEY

IS HEIR TO A FORTUNE OF $250,000.

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—Martin F. Carney, a manufacturer's clerk on State street, has fallen heir to a large fortune of the late James N. McNamar of Toledo, O.

Under the provisions of the will made by Mr. McNamar, the control of the entire fortune of $250,000 goes to Mr. Carney.

When the will was offered for probate at Toledo, a few days ago, it caused a sensation.

The estate consists among other things of his business and equipment for the American district telegraph and fire alarm system.

The will provides that all property shall be held in trust by his wife for her use during her life only except the alarm system.

FOR CONSPIRACY

License Commissioners Placed on Trial

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 30.—The trial of Patrick P. Murphy and Joseph T. Lodge, former license commissioners of the city of Chicopee, charged with accepting bribes and conspiracy to extort bribes was begun in the superior court this afternoon. The principal witnesses against the defendants are A. M. Moore, a former hotel keeper, Adolph Pion and Alphonse Page, liquor dealers and Varnum Keith, all of Chicopee. The defendants are being tried on two indictments, one charging the taking of bribes of $100 each from Pion and Page and $200 from Moore in 1902 and $200 each from Pion and Page in 1903 and the soliciting of a bribe of $50 from Keith and the other indictment specifying conspiracy to extort bribes in all these cases.

COLORED GIRL

SUED WHITE MAN FOR BREACH OF PROMISE.

LISBON, Me., Dec. 30.—A breach of promise suit concerning two young people, residents of this town, will be heard at the next term of the Androscoggin supreme judicial court. The plaintiff is Eva May Howell, a colored girl, the step-daughter of "Prof." Baker, a banjo player, singer, whistler, etc. The defendant is Shirley T. McKenney, a white man. According to the records, the marriage certificate of young McKenney and Miss Howell was issued Nov. 16. Miss Howell gave her age as 21 and that of McKenney as 22. Young McKenney's parents refused to allow their son to marry, claiming that he was but 18 years old. So there was no wedding. Two weeks later Mr. McKenney married Gustie Estes of Durham. The marriage certificate was issued in Durham.

PROMINENT DELEGATES

ELECTED TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

PANAMA, Dec. 30.—Among those who have been elected to the constitutional convention, the most prominent are Dr. Amador, Pablo Arosemena, Domingo Coaldia, Belisario Porras and Luis Deroux.

News of importance has been received from the Isthmus of Darien. The Indians there are all in favor of the republic and have sent spies throughout the coast and into the interior. The government of Panama has furnished the Indians with guns and ammunition, thus making them very contented.

OUT FOR ROOSEVELT.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 30.—Representative republicans of Nebraska held a meeting today to organize a movement for the advancement of the candidacy of John L. Webster for the vice presidential nomination. Resolutions endorsing Roosevelt and Webster were unanimously adopted.

SAW TRIBAL FIGHTING.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Allen, of the American African gospel mission, sailed for New York today from Liverpool on the White Star line steamer Celtic, after four years work among the Nanakroos in Liberia. Prior to sailing from Liberia she witnessed severe tribal fighting between the allied inhabitants of the coast towns and bushmen. Mrs. Allen's mission house was the centre of the first conflict and the Nanakroo queen sought refuge there. During the fighting Mrs. Allen was not molested but she witnessed remarkable scenes of barbarism.

COPY OF TREATY

WILL BE SENT TO WASHINGTON BY MINISTER CONGER.

PEKIN, Dec. 30.—The Chinese government has promised United States Minister Conger to soon forward the Chinese copy of the treaty to Washington for the exchange of ratifications. It is necessary first to obtain the emperor's seal. After the treaty is ratified the opening of Mukden and Antung to the commerce of the world can be pressed.

LIBRARY FOR ACUSHNET.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Dec. 30—The town of Acushnet is in a fair way to have a public library if the conditions of an offer from Andrew Carnegie are such that the town can afford to support such an institution. The offer comes through Mrs. Charles W. Bartlett of Boston, formerly Miss Annie M. White of Acushnet, and the sister of the present town clerk, Alden White. Mrs. Bartlett has corresponded with Mr. Carnegie in regard to a library for the town.

SPOT COTTON.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30—Cotton spot closed quiet, 20 points lower; middling uplands 13.50, middling gulf 13.75. Sales, 400 bales.

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RUSSIA'S REPLY

No Time Limit Set for It

YOKOHAMA, Dec. 30.—At an extraordinary meeting of the privy council today the fact developed that no time limit had been set for Russia's reply to the last official note from the Japanese government. A strong opposition is now publicly manifested to the cabinet owing to the dilatory tactics they are pursuing.

The latest ordinance announced invests the commander of Formosa with full authority to act in case war is declared.

CARDINAL GIBBONS

COMMENTS ON LETTER OF POPE PIUS X.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 30.—Cardinal Gibbons, commenting today in an interview on the recent letter of Pope Pius X to Cardinal Respighi, expressing a desire for a reformation in church music in which he criticized certain music as an abuse of religion, expressed himself as follows:

"His holiness has referred to the extreme abuse through Italy and France. In some of the churches of those countries there is little suggestion of reverence and the ceremonies are given an operatic effect. It is this departure from the old custom that his holiness deplores and not necessarily the use of modern music.

"The music of the church in this country is in Gregorian chant, sweetened by fugued music. The Gregorian chant is the official music of the church, but fugued music within bounds is not condemned.

"In the 16th century, during the reign of Pope Pius IV, Palestrina effected a reform in church music by improving upon the Gregorian by means of fugued music. In this country there has been little abuse and we do not expect the pope's letter to effect a change in the church music of America."

CRUISER DETROIT

HAS BEEN ORDERED TO SANTO DOMINGO.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30—Cabling under date of today from Port of Spain to the navy department, Admiral Lamberton states that he has ordered the cruiser Detroit to Santo Domingo to relieve the Scorpion, which was ordered there yesterday.

BANK CASHIER DEAD.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 30.—Henry O. Smith, for 35 years cashier of the First National bank at Romeo, Mich., died today at the home of his son-in-law, Rev. Reuben A. Beard in this city. He was 87 years of age. For ten years Mr. Smith lived in Nashua, N. H. In New Hampshire he acquired a reputation as a temperance orator.

PANAMA COMPANY MEETING.

PARIS, Dec. 30—Owing to the recent events at Panama the annual meeting of the Panama canal company, which began today, developed unusual interest and excitement. Prior to the opening efforts were made to secure enough proxies to overrule the existing management of the company which is favorable to the sale of the company's property to the United States. The hall of agriculture was crowded with officials, stockholders and prominent financiers. At the opening of the meeting the management submitted a report of the recent events on the Isthmus.

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FROM YESTERDAY'S LATE EDITIONS

BOGUS SOLICITOR

Arrested by Deputy Welch This Afternoon

Had Bogus Prospectus for Hotel Calendar in His Possession —His Chum Was Also Taken into Custody

With a prospectus under his arm, a cigarette in his mouth and wearing a confident smile, a young man giving the name Thomas Matthews was arrested by Deputy Supt. Welch this afternoon on suspicion of being connected with a bogus ad soliciting scheme. A little later Inspector John Walsh took Matthews' chum, John Kenney, into custody. The police are not positive that they can hold Kenney, but Matthews had the evidence of his guilt, a prospectus for a hotel calendar stamped "Richardson House," bogus receipts, signed and unsigned. The skeleton calendar showed that seven two-inch spaces had been sold, but the chances are that the schemer didn't succeed in collecting in advance on more than three of them.

The police were notified by Dr. C. Brel Poole with offices at 408 Middlesex street, and a Mr. White, that they had been visited by a young man whom they believed to be a bogus ad solicitor. They both engaged space on the calendar, and their suspicions were aroused when the solicitor asked for his money in advance.

Deputy Supt. Welch was on his way from dinner about 2 o'clock this afternoon and had his lamps trimmed and burning. He saw the two fellows in conversation near the Arlington hotel in Central street.

Matthews entered the hotel while Kenney crossed the street and stood on the curbing near Cook & Taylor's.

Without arousing the suspicion of either one, the deputy telephoned to the police station and summoned Inspector Walsh to his assistance.

The inspector arrived in double quick time and while the deputy looked out for Matthews, the inspector shook hands with Kenney. They were taken to police station and after a rigid cross-examination Matthews was taken to a cell and Kenney was detained in the inspector's office to await further investigation.

Kenney says that he has known the other fellow for more than five years, but did not know his name was Matthews. "I understood his name was Tom Roche," he said to the deputy. The police do not believe that either of the men gave their right names.

Matthews, the police allege, is also wanted for another calendar swindle. A young man answering his description has been doing business with storekeepers, especially those in St. Patrick's parish, representing that he had been delegated to solicit ads. for St. Patrick's church calendar. It is alleged that he sold space rapidly and in many instances received money in advance.

MAY WAS SICK

That's Why He Didn't Support His Wife

The case of Joseph E. May, charged with failing to provide proper and lawful support for his wife, was called in police court this forenoon and was continued to this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The complainant, Mrs. Blanche E. May, was not on hand in the forenoon but was present when the case was called at 2 o'clock. The complaint covered a period of about four months and the complainant said that during that time her husband had failed to contribute to her support. When the complainant and another witness had been heard the defendant, who was without counsel, was sworn. He said that he has been sick since October 25. He alleged that he had been under the doctor's care for weeks and said that if allowed to he could have the doctor appear in court and corroborate his story.

The doctor was sent for but the case had not been resumed up to the time of going to press.

MERRY PARTY

SLEIGH RIDE TO TYNGSBORO AND SUPPER IN LOWELL.

"Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way—"

So sang the guests of Mr. L. B. Challen, manager of the Lowell Trading association, on the way to and from Butterfield's at Tyngsboro, last evening. It was a sleigh ride party of the first water and Mr. Challen's guests were united in the opinion that he is a born entertainer as well as manager. The trip ended with a spread at Page's spa and the ride and the supper filled the evening with pleasure.

In the party were Mr. and Mrs. Challen, Mr. and Mrs. Robicheau, Miss Alma Nineau, Miss Clara Nadeau, Miss A. Lapointe, Miss L. Roberge, Miss B. Brunelle, Mr. A. Brodeur and Albert Lavoie.

EDWARD A. MORRIS

CHOSEN PRESIDENT OF NORTH BILLERICA MATHEWS.

The Father Mathew T. A. society held an enthusiastic meeting at the Mathew hall in Lowell street, North Billerica, last evening. Four propositions for membership received. A committee of eight was appointed to conduct a whist tournament which begins next Thursday evening. Three prizes will be offered for the players scoring the highest number of points at the end of ten nights' play.

The following officers were elected: President, Edward A. Morris; vice-president, Neal R. Mahoney; recording secretary, Timothy McCarthy; financial secretary, Edward Riley; treasurer, Frederick Gannon; board of trustees, Carl Delehanty, John Hughes and John S. Welsh; board of examiners, Martin Conway, Jr., Wm. Halley and James Higgins; literary committee, Fred Corr, Owen Flynn and Thos. Twomey; spiritual director, Rev. Eugene Deroches, O. M. I.; marshal, James Burke.

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WILL PROSECUTE

Board of Health are After Butchers

WHO VIOLATE HEALTH LAWS

Will Engage Inspector of Provisions

The board of health at its regular meeting yesterday voted to prosecute the butcher from whose cart the health inspectors recently took four carcasses of "bob" veal. The agent was empowered to engage a butcher at the city's expense to make inspections from time to time, at least once a week during the present winter and next spring, and prosecute any violators of the health laws in the meat markets of the city.

Mr. McGuinness, chairman of the board of plumber examiners, reported that the following have successfully passed the examination for journeyman plumbers: James Howard, 79 Andrews street; James McCarron, 216 High street; Walter H. Curtis, 64 Varnum avenue; Joseph J. Murphy, 92 South street.

It was voted that licenses be granted to the four young men.

Agent Knapp reported that the department would close the year without asking for an additional appropriation. He said that he would have about $25 to return on the office account and that of the $27,030 appropriated at the first of the year about eight cents would be returned to the general treasury fund.

It was voted on motion of Dr. Jackson that the Bertillon system of classifying death returns be adopted for the year 1904. Prior to the passage of this vote it was stated that physicians were becoming somewhat careless in their death reports and that such a system would put a stop to loose tactics in the future.

The board adjourned at 5.15 to meet again Saturday afternoon to finish up the department's business for the year.

FIRE MARSHAL'S AID

IS INVESTIGATING SEVERAL RECENT FIRES.

State Fire Marshal's Aid Casey has been in this city for several days past investigating mysterious fires which have occurred here during the past month. He has spent considerable time in looking into the Hibeault fire in Wilder street, where a barn was burned, and while he feels confident that the fire was set he has been unable to learn any further particulars in connection with it.

BIG VERDICT

FOR THE LOSS OF A HAND IN COTTON MILL.

Tuesday morning a verdict was returned by a jury in the session of superior civil court being held at Salem that is as high, if not the greatest that has ever been returned by a jury in a similar case in this county. The verdict was for $8500, and was given in the case of David A. Lynch against the Moses T. Stevens & Sons Manufacturing company of Andover and North Andover. The case was brought by Attorneys Eaton & Chandler of the Essex Bank building, to recover for the loss of the latter's hand in a picker machine while employed by the defendant company in the Maryland mill in Andover.

Mr. Lynch formerly resided on Morton street, Andover, and the accident occurred on Friday, December 6, 1901, two years ago. The case has been in the courts for some time and was finally assigned for trial last Monday. The trial of the case consumed the entire day. Judge Sherman presided.

The lawyers for the plaintiff were Eaton & Chandler, and the case as presented by Attorney Fred N. Chandler showed considerable preparation. They were highly complimented prior to any decision being reached. Ex-Congressman W. S. Knox represented the defendants. The plaintiff is now 18 years of age, when the accident occurred the boy was 16 years old and he had been employed in the card room of the Marland mill, previous to that time for almost two years.

He had been employed in the picker room only two weeks when the accident occurred and when the youth had his right hand torn into shreds.

NEEDLESS RUN

Chief Hosmer Heard Cars Were on Fire

Two of the companies at the central fire station had a needless run shortly before 8 o'clock last night. One of the engineers on a passenger train going into the Merrimack street station while bringing his train down the Dutton street track noticed smoke emerging from one of the freight trains on the siding.

As soon as his engine got back to the Middlesex street station the engineer notified one of the men around the station and the latter telephoned to Capt. Kew. Capt. Kew tried the central fire station and learning that Chief Hosmer was at home telephoned to the latter's residence, stating that a train of cars in Dutton street was on fire.

The chief in turn telephoned to the central fire station for two of the companies to go to the scene of the fire. The two companies hitched up as fast as possible and arriving found smoke issuing from one of the cars, but an investigation showed that it was the smoke from a stove which was placed in one of the potato cars to keep the potatoes from freezing.

HANDS INJURED

ACCIDENT IN TREMONT & SUFFOLK MILLS THIS MORNING.

Antonio Gonerci, a Greek, residing at 10 Gore street, was badly injured about the hands while at work in the Tremont & Suffolk mills this morning. He was taken to the corporation hospital in the ambulance.

BIG SNOWSLIDE

PEDESTRIANS HAD A NARROW ESCAPE.

Several pedestrians had a narrow escape from being badly hurt by a snowslide which fell from the roof of the building at the corner of Merrimack and John streets this afternoon. Two people were passing by and one was looking in Lawler's window when a large amount of snow started to slide from the roof and before any of the people were aware of it they were covered with snow. Luckily the slide was a small one, and outside of a little fright the people were unhurt.

STODDARD'S BOX

WAS FOUND TO CONTAIN ABOUT $75,000.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 30.—State Officer Hazlehurst of Norwich, Conn., today obtained possession of the contents of Abbott L. Stoddard's safety deposit box through a writ of replevin, and the assistance of a local officer and papers to the value of about $75,000 were removed and taken to Norwich. Stoddard was arrested here last week on charge of larceny of about $30,000 and was taken to Norwich. He escaped from the jail at that place yesterday.

The writ is returnable January 11.

MAN MISSING

NO TRACE OF NORTH ANDOVER YOUNG MAN.

LAWRENCE, Dec. 30.—The mysterious disappearance of James Daw, only son of Chairman P. P. Daw of the North Andover board of selectmen, is causing much excitement in that historic suburb.

The young man, who is in his nineteenth year, attended an entertainment in this city Saturday evening and as far as can be learned, has not been seen since about 11.10 o'clock that night, when he was in North Andover.

At first it was believed that he had gone out of town to visit relatives, and consequently his absence occasioned no alarm until Tuesday.

Communication with towns where it was supposed the missing young man might be visiting failed to locate his whereabouts, neither have any tidings been learned of him.

His home environments were of the pleasantest character, he is industrious and not given to roaming, and no plausible reason can be assigned for his strange and sudden disappearance.

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 30—The American Kennel club of New York was incorporated here today. The directors are August Belmont of Hempstead, N. Y., Hollis Hunnewell of Wellesley, Mass., Hildreth K. Bloodgood, James W. Appleton, William G. Rockefeller of New York city, Marcel Viti of Philadelphia, Gouverneur M. Carnochan of Riverdale, N. Y., and William B. Emery of Boston.

AGED CURRIER DEAD.

WEYMOUTH, Mass., Dec. 30.—George E. Fairbanks, known throughout New England leather circles, died here today aged 79 years. He was a native of Scotland but for more than 50 years had been in business as a currier and leather bleacher in this country. He was a civil war veteran. A son and four daughters survive.

TO RESUME OPERATIONS.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 30.—Preparations are being made at the Duquesne plant of the Carnegie Steel company for the resumption on Jan. 1 of all the Open Hearth furnaces. There are 14 furnaces and the resumption will necessitate the operation of every mill in the plant.

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WANTS RECEIVER

Action Against the U. S. Steel Company

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 30.—The difficulties among the stockholders of the United States Steel Co. of Everett as to the conduct of the company's business resulted today in the filing of a petition for an injunction in a superior court asking that the company be restrained from disposing of any stock and also for the appointment of a receiver. The petition is filed by Adam M. Ross, Jr., and Lydie Ariel Ross, representing themselves and other stockholders. The appointment of a receiver is asked for on the ground that the company's affairs have been grossly mismanaged by its officers and directors and on the ground that the company is insolvent. They further ask for an injunction against the International Trust Co. of Boston to restrain it from disposing of any stocks or bonds in their possession by reason of a mortgage given by the United States Steel Co. of Everett. The petitioners also make complaint against President Charles S. Miller of the company and other officers.

PRIZES AWARDED.

The following awards have just been made by the judges in the Brownie picture contest conducted by the New England Optical Co., of this city and Manchester, N. H.:

Class A—Pictures taken and wholly finished by contestant. First prize, No. 2 Bull's-Eye Kodak, Mr. George W. Barber, Newton, Mass.; second prize, Brownie developing machine, Mary G. Richardson, Auburn, N. H.

Class B—Pictures taken by contestant, finished by professional photographer. First prize, No. 2 Flexo Kodak, Miss Ethel Chandler, Boston; second prize, $1 worth of supplies, Miss Maude A. Parham, Tyngsboro, Mass.

Pictures by the following Lowell people were commended by the judges as worthy of honorable mention:

Mr. Hiram Merrill, 2 Osgood street; O. S. Gray, 48 Wamesit street; Earle Ross, 21 Bellevue street; Arthur Boulanger, 51 Bridge street.

The judges were Mr. L. L. Roush, artist, New York city; C. H. Webster, Boston, photographer for Boston & Maine railroad, and Mr. Cummings and Mr. Fraple of the Photo Era staff, Boston, Mass.

BARR ELECTED PRESIDENT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—At a meeting of the directors of the Seaboard Air-line today, J. Skelton Williams resigned the office of president of the company and Vice Pres. Barr was elected president and general manager. Mr. Williams was elected chairman of the board of directors.

WALL STREET GOSSIP.

WALL STREET, 10.10 a. m.—Trading was quite active in the opening dealings in the stock market and the changes were somewhat mixed, but with gains predominating. The changes were generally fractional and unimportant. There was, however, a drop of 1½ in Brooklyn Transit, a jump of 7⅞ in Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis, a rise of a point in Pacific Mail and of ⅝ in Amalgamated Copper on running sales of 2,00 shares.

11 a.m.—Yesterday's buyers among the board room operators turned sellers to realize their profits and the market weakened decidedly. Southern Pacific, Amalgamated and United States Steel pfd., were let go with more freedom than any other stocks and their heaviness was soon communicated to the general list. Except for the comparatively inactive stocks fluctuation was confined to sharp declines and the market steadied. Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis gained 10 in all and fell back 3¼. American Express moved up five and St. Paul pfd. and Anaconda 2. Among the losses were Westinghouse Electric 3½ and General Electric, Brooklyn Union Gas, Consolidated Gas, Metropolitan Street Railway, Northwestern and Rock Island a point or more.

Noon—Stocks continued to be freely offered under the influence of the firm 7 per cent. call money rate. Declines ran to a point or more in Pennsylvania, New York Central, Missouri Pacific, Kansas and Texas pfd., United States Steel pfd., and People's Gas. Westinghouse Electric lost 5, Metropolitan securities 3¾, General Electric, 3; Brooklyn Transit, 2¼; Kansas City Southern pfd., Realty pfd., and Delaware & Hudson 2, and Metropolitan Street Railway 1¼. Chattanooga and St. Louis reacted 5½. There was a rise of 3¾ in Lead pfd., and of about a point in New York, Chicago & St. Louis second pfd., and St. Joseph and Grand Island first pfd.

Bonds were easy.

1 p. m.—Additional losses running to a point were made by Baltimore & Ohio, Reading, Southern Pacific and Tennessee Coal before an easing up in the money rate became effective. In checking the selling. But little recovery, however, was made by the specialties and western stocks and the general market became quite dull after hardening a small fraction. Colorado Fuel declined 2.

2 p. m.—The market became very feverish and rallied suddenly and rather violently. Union and Southern Pacific and Amalgamated were carried to a fraction over last night. Prices reacted and the market became dull. Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis relapsed 2½ under last night. Realty pfd. rose a point over last night and as suddenly reacted 1½.

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TO OUST TRAMPS

New State Office May be Created

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—It is understood that a bill will be introduced in the approaching session of the state legislature, asking for the creation of the office of state police supervisor, whose duty it will be to do all possible to clear the state of tramps and vagrants. The decision to present this measure is the result of public agitation arising from the large number of crimes recently committed in Massachusetts and from the discovery of the fact that the state has been infested with homeless and begging men. It is designed that the tramp class of criminal will be studied thoroughly with the end in view that specific crimes may be frustrated.

STRIKERS RESTRAINED.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 30.—Judge Carter of the superior court today issued a temporary injunction against striking employes of the Indianapolis Foundry Co., restraining them from interfering in any way with the operation of the plant. In doing so the court quoted the words of John Mitchell of the United Mine Workers against lawlessness, that no good union man will ever be a law breaker, as advice for the guidance of the union molders.

DECLARED DIVIDEND.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The directors of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railway today declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1¾ per cent.

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Corrected to October 12, 1903. Trains leave Merrimack street depot, Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.43, 6.22, x6.42, *7.45, *8.50, *9.40, 11.00 a. m.; 1.40, 4.25, x5.44 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.45 a. m.

Trains leave Middlesex street station, Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.16, 6.28, *6.39, x6.45, w6.50, 7.01, *7.24, 7.31, *7.48, w*8.00, *8.57, w9.25, *9.50, w10.50, 11.05, *11.43 a. m.; w12.05, 12.14, w12.45, 1.14, *1.56, w2.30, x3.03, w*3.19, *3.47, w3.55, 4.28, w5.06, 5.22, x5.40, w6.15, *6.22, w7.00, 7.29, w9.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, 6.30, 7.24, w8.15, 8.48, 9.10 a. m.; w12.05, w4.05, 4.25, w5.30, 5.58, w8.05 p. m.

For Lawrence, 6.28, w6.50, z7.31, w8.30, w9.25, w10.50 a. m.; w12.05, 1.28, w2.30, w3.55, w5.06, w6.15, w7.00, w9.25, wq11.25 p. m. Sundays, w8.15 a. m.; w12.05, w5.30 p. m.

For Salem, Mass., 7.31 a. m.; w12.05, 1.28, a2.30, a3.55, w5.06, 5.28 p. m.

For Haverhill, 6.28, 6.50, z7.31, 8.30, 9.25, 10.50 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, w3.55, w5.06, 6.15, 7.00, 9.25, q11.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.15 a. m.; 12.05, 5.30 p. m.

For Newburyport, Amesbury and Portsmouth, 6.28 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.55, 6.15 p. m.

For Exeter and Dover, 6.28, 6.50, z7.31, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.55, 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Rochester and Alton Bay, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.55 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Somersworth, N. H., Saco, Old Orchard and Portland, 6.28, 6.50, z7.31, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.55 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Augusta, Bath, Waterville, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Lewiston, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 5.06 p. m.

For Skowhegan, 8.30 a. m.

For Bangor, Belfast and Rockland, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For St. John, N. B., Halifax, N. S., 5.06 p. m. (5.06 does not run Saturdays.) SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Eastport and St. John (via steamer from Portland,) on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 12.05 p. m.

For Castine, Deer Isle, Sedgwick, Bar Harbor, Jonesport, Machiasport (via steamer Frank Jones from Portland,) Tuesday and Friday at 5.06 p. m.

Last trip of season Oct. 20, 1903.

For Woburn, 6.28, 7.01, *7.48, 11.05 a. m.; 1.44, 4.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.48 a. m.; 4.25, 5.58 p. m.

For Ayer Junction, Stations on W. N. & P. and Fitchburg divisions, 7.07, 11.35 a. m.; 5.01 and 5.42 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2.15 p. m.

For Stations on W. N. & P. division, Nashua to Portland, Me., 9.03 a. m.; (3.50 p. m. to Rochester only.)

For Amherst, Milford and Wilton, 9.03 a. m.; 1.00, 3.40, 5.29 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2 p. m.

For Greenfield, Peterboro, Bennington, Hillsboro and Keene, 9.03 a. m.; 3.4[illegible] p. m. SUNDAYS, to Hillsboro, 2 p. m.

For Nashua, Manchester and Concord, 7.30, 9.29, *10.39 a. m.; *12.00, 1.00, *1.33, 3.40, *5.39, 6.27, *8.10, *9.10 p. m. SUNDAYS, 10.02 a. m.; 2.00, 6.52, *8.10, *9.10 p. m.

For Franklin, Lebanon, White River Junction, 7.30, *9.39 a. m.; *12.00, *1.33 (to Franklin only,) 5.39, *8.10 p. m.

For Warner, Bradford, Sunapee, Newport, (N. H.,) Claremont and Claremont Junction, 7.30 a. m.; 1.33 p. m.

For Stations on White Mt. Division, 9.29, *10.39 a. m.; 1.33 p. m. (5.39 p. m. to Plymouth); *10.10, 3.24 p. m.

For St. Johnsbury and Lyndonville, via Wells River, *10.39 a. m.; *1.33, *10.30 p. m.

For Montpelier, Essex Junction, Burlington, St. Albans, St. Johns and Montreal via Central Vermont line, *9.30 a. m.; *12.00 *8.10 p. m.

For Montreal and Quebec, via Montreal and Boston Air line, *10.39 a. m.; *10.15 p. m.

QUEBEC EXPRESS via Plymouth and Sherbrooke, *10.39 a. m.; *9.10 p.m. (daily except Saturdays.

References:
aVia Wakefield Junction.
*Express. bDaily.
qWednesdays and Saturdays only.
wVia Western Division.
xVia Bedford. zVia Wilmington Junc.

D. J. FLANDERS, Gen. Pass. and Ticket Agent.
H. C. TAFT, General Agent, Lowell.

SPECIAL NOTICES

ALL pigeon fanciers interested in the organizing of a Homing club will please meet at the residence of Joseph Dyer, East Chelmsford, Sunday, Jan. 3, 1904, at 3 p. m.

THE FOLLOWING SAYS: That you can get a Doll Carriage, a Go-Cart or a handsome Doll with a pound of Tea or a two pounds of Coffee at Dickson's Tea Store, 68 Merrimack street.

THE SUN IN BOSTON—The two o'clock and five o'clock editions of The Sun are on sale every day at both newsstands in the Union station, Boston.

LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To all persons interested in the estate of June M. Charters, late of Lowell, in said county, deceased:

Whereas, Georgiella Ritchie, executrix of the will of John P. Ritchie, who was the executor of the will of said deceased, has presented for allowance the first and final account of said John P. Ritchie's administration upon the estate of said deceased.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate court to be held at Cambridge, in said county, on the fifth day of January, A. D. 1904, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said Georgiella Ritchie is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day at least before said court, and by mailing, postpaid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, first Judge of said court, this sixteenth day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and three.

S. H. FOLSOM, Register.

HELP WANTED

WANTED—Table girl. 88 John street.

WANTED—Experienced solicitors to represent a reliable tea company to sell high grade tea, coffee, baking powder and soap; only those that have had experience and can furnish the best of references need apply; by mail. Alex Goldstein, 126 Merrimack street.

WANTED—Capable woman, Catholic preferred, as housekeeper in small family. Address W., Sun office.

WANTED—Machinist, one used to cotton machinery preferred. Apply to Hamilton Woolen Co., Amesbury, Mass.

WANTED—Barber at once. Apply 23 Gorham street.

WANTED—Experienced Waukenhose knitters; steady work. Apply W. H. Howard, manager, Gee building, 146 Fletcher street, Lowell.

WANTED—A woman to do light housework for a working family. 34 Union St.

WANTED—Girl to work in bakery. Apply 791 Central street, Wilcox's.

WANTED—Man used to wood business. Apply 41 Meade street, evenings.

WANTED—Girl to do general housework. 165 Market street.

WANTED—A housegirl. Mrs. Ames, 159 Pleasant street, Navy Yard.

RULER WANTED—A steady, reliable, first class paper ruler can have a life position in a Massachusetts coast city. Bank and corporation work. Man with family preferred. Address box 15, Lowell Sun office.

WANTED—A first class collector; state experience, age and salary expected. Address box 20, Sun office.

WANTED—Table girl at Mrs. Coughlin's, 752 Suffolk street.

ANY BUSINESS can be improved by advertising it in this column.

WANTED

SAVE 30 PER CENT.—Buy your butter at the Elwood Tea Co.; we get it fresh every week from Vermont creamery; also we have received a large lot of remnants of linen towels which we will offer cheap. The Elwood Tea and Coffee Co., Davis Sq.

A. O. U. W.—This is important; send your name, age and address to P. O. box 465, Lowell, Mass.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—White bull dog, brown spot on neck, brown on ear; no name on collar. Return 22 Jewett street or 6 West Burnside street. Reward.

FOUND—Horse blanket. Owner may have by proving property, paying adv. 109 Fayette street.

LOST—Lady's fur boa at Lowell Junction Sunday at 6.15 p. m. Reward at 33 Phillips street. Tel. 262-3.

LOST—A sum of money Sunday between Chestnut street and St. Anne's church. Return to this office and receive reward.

MONEY TO LOAN

PAWNBROKER—Money to loan; money loaned on all valuable articles, clothing; rates reasonable. A. Stein, 313 Middlesex street, Lowell, Mass.

MONEY TO LOAN on furniture, pianos and all personal property. Private office. (Strictly confidential.) Room 5, Swan building, 26 Central street.

MONEY ON CREDIT without security. Boarding houses, retail merchants and salaried people; easy payments; lowest rates in the city. Merrimack Loan Co., 25 Associate building.

MONEY TO LOAN salaried people, retail merchants, teamsters, boarding houses, without security; easy payments; largest business in 42 principal cities. Tolman, Room 26, Associate building.

MONEY TO LOAN at short notice on furniture, pianos, etc. Leases paid off and more money advanced. All business strictly confidential. Address W. E. Leinlres, room 9, Barristers hall.

BUSINESS CHANCES

GREAT opportunity offered; $100 for $150, $500 for $15. For particulars write American Oil & Coal Co., Seattle, Wash.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Cheap, on easy terms, the homestead of the late Samuel Greenwood, corner of Hale and Railroad streets, containing 5700 feet of land; well built cottage house in the best of repair; furnace heat; large barn and carriage house; room to put up a large block which would rent at a good profit; also an eight-room cottage house corner of Fay and Potter streets. Inquire at Greenwood Bros., china store, 251 Central street.

E. H. WHITE
Successor to Fish & Plummer
137 CENTRAL STREET
Our Motto: "Honest Representation, Fair Dealings, Justice to the Owner, Satisfaction to the Buyer."

$1400 buys a pretty little farm of 22 acres, Boston & Northern electrics pass the door. Farm borders on the Merrimack river. A bargain.

$750 buys a well stocked fruit and confectionery store on one of the leading business streets. Good stock and trade. Splendid stand.

$500 buys a nice Cigar and Tobacco Store on a busy street.

$1400 buys a 30-acre farm on line of electrics, 5 cent fare, extra nice set of buildings, rich land. Trout pond on farm. Near steam cars.

$4000 buys a beautiful residence in the Highlands, select neighborhood.

$15 per month pays the rent of an elegant residence on Dover street. Set tubs, bath, furnace heat, fruit trees, select neighborhood.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—A square piano, price very low, as owner is leaving town. Inquire Sun office.

FOR SALE—Handsome upright piano, but little used; leaving town; will sell for $125. C. A., Sun office.

FOR SALE—A blacksmith shop, tools and business; good tenant; stable; on very easy terms. Inquire of Postmaster, South Billerica.

SLEIGH FOR SALE—A second-hand driving sleigh, cheap. Inquire at Goyette's paint shop, 286 Thorndike street.

FOR SALE—Horse and team, value $300, may be had for $175; private family preferred. Apply Sun office.

FOR SALE—Wood in large or small lots at the lowest possible prices. P. Cogger, 488 Riverside street. Telephone 462-2.

PUPS for sale at Mr. Lynch's, next house to Foster school, Tewksbury Centre.

FOR SALE—Carrots for horses by the barrel. C. H. Cutter, 691 Mammoth road, Dracut. Telephone connection.

FOR SALE—Restaurant doing a good business, a good investment; ill health the cause for wishing to sell. Call at 60 Gorham street.

FOR SALE—A variety store situated in a good business neighborhood, established trade of seven years; an exceptionally fine place for one who dressmakes; poor health of owner reason for selling. For all particulars, terms, etc., inquire of E. R. Donovan, room 1, Swan block, 26 Central street. It may be your opportunity.

RUBBER STAMPS at wholesale prices; 1-in. one line stamps 15c.; 1½ in., 20c; 35c ink pads, 25c; 25c ink pads, 15c; 60c linen markers 25c; business stamps, 15c per line. J. M. Fellows, 158 Merrimack street.

MISCELLANEOUS

MISS UPTON, clairvoyant, card reader, business medium. 31 Merrimack street.

TELEGRAPHY—A new class will open Jan. 1st. Anyone desiring to enter this class should apply to H. L. Whitten, 890 Gorham street.

HIGHLAND REMNANT STORE, 30 Pine street—We are showing a fine line of mercerized vestings, wash silks, Ottomans, Eddy silks, mercerized cheviots, basket goods, Barnaby ginghams for shirts, waists and suits; no finer line in the city and prices below all reason; there is nothing that will make any better Christmas present than a nice shirt waist; all colors guaranteed and patterns up to date; in fact, everything is the latest.

WOOD GIVEN AWAY—2½ miles out. Apply to depot master, Wamesit station. Must be cut and taken away at once.

MRS. ADAMS, clairvoyant and card reader and ladies' employment office. 355 Gorham street, opp. Court house.

W. S. WONG HO, 31 John street—All kinds of teas, children's toys, silks, China ware and fancy goods; low prices.

MADAME LENORE, clairvoyant and card reader, 71 Tyler street. Ladies 25c, gentlemen 50c. Hours 10 a. m. to 12 and 2 to 10 p. m.

DRESS GOODS REMNANTS, cheap, from the Merrimack woolen mills. Corner store, Lakeview avenue and Pleasant street, Navy Yard.

$5 GIVEN AWAY—$5 worth of trading stamps given away with 1 lb. of our best Baking Powder at 50c; $5 worth with one pound of any kind of our 50c or 60c Tea; $2 worth with one pound of our famous 35c Coffee, this tea and coffee is worthy of attention; they are the best ever offered for the money. The Elwood Tea & Coffee Co., 237 Thorndike street, Davis square.

HORSEMEN, ATTENTION—We are now prepared to shoe your horses in the most satisfactory and scientific manner, especially horses lamed by incorrect shoeing, at the reasonable low price of 4 new shoes for $1.00; we also keep in stock a line of hand-made shoes turned by L. J. Padien at the FairGrounds shoeing forge, 1051 Gorham street, Lowell, Mass.

PIANO OR ORGAN LESSONS at your home, special pains taken with children or advanced pupils; will accompany any instrument for entertainments; years of experience. Mabel Randall, Chelmsford Centre.

STOVES—New and second hand, bought, sold and exchanged. Reliable Furniture Co., 165 Middlesex street.

LIMBURG—Chimney expert; chimneys swept and repaired. Residence 1128 Bridge street. Telephone.

MUSIC—German zither music furnished at reasonable rates for concerts, dinner parties, church entertainments and home socials. John C. Hansen, Bon Marche studio.

IF YOU WANT your mattresses made over at your home call at 910 Central St.

BUY YOUR HAT at Delorme's, where you can have it cleaned free of charge for one year. Repairing a specialty. 261 Middlesex street.

SAVE MONEY by buying your wall papers and having your paperhanging done at D. Baker & Co.'s, 150 Gorham St. We will paper your room with gilt paper for $2. Good workmanship guaranteed; send postal, will call with samples.

NEW AND SECOND HAND FURNITURE bought and sold; also furniture moving done in a careful manner; always big bargains at our store. McGauvran Bros., Merrimack street, opp. City hall.

LADIES—Dr. LaFranco's Compound gives positive relief; powerful combination; used by 20,000 women; price 25 cents; druggists or by mail. Address LaFranco & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

MOTHERS—Beat's Destroyer kills lice on children and all insects; cures dandruff and itching scalp, prevents falling hair; harmless, 25c. Only at Falls & Burkinshaw's, 418 Middlesex street.

TO LET

TO LET—In the Highlands, 42 Bartlett street, off Bellevue street, a five-room flat, hot and cold water, bath. Apply at office of Bon Marche or after 6 p. m. at 28 Burtt street.

FOR RENT—In the Highlands, an upstairs flat of five rooms with bath. 178 Stevens street, near corner of Westford. Rent $11.

TO LET—Steam heated rooms, gas and bath. Wellman house, Centralville, 15 W 4th street.

TO LET—Middlesex street, 3 rooms, $6.50; Middlesex street, 3 rooms, $7; Middlesex street, 3 rooms, $7.50; close to Northern depot, 4 rooms, $8.50; Centralville, handy to mills, 3 rooms, $5.50; 5 rooms, $6.50; 6 rooms, $7.50; Concord street, 3 rooms, $6.50; house and barn and 3 acres of land on Hildreth street, $12.50; Chelmsford street, cottage and barn, $8. The above has been made extra snug and warm for the winter. T. H. Elliott, 61 Central St.

TO LET—At 108 Butterfield street, furnished room with steam heat, bath and gas; lady preferred; $1.50 per week.

TO RENT—Convenient 4-room tenement for small family. G. P. Walker, 964 Middlesex street.

TO LET—One 4-room and one 3-room tenement. Inquire at 81 Chestnut street.

TO LET—Small tenements, 634 Broadway; rent low.

TO LET—Blacksmith shop fully equipped ready for business. Apply at 335 Lincoln street.

TO LET—Tenement of 5 rooms with or without barn. 15 Lombard street.

TO LET—A desirable house on South Canton street, all modern improvements, steam heat. Inquire at 912 Middlesex St.

TENEMENTS in all parts of the city at all prices; we have several that will make extra warm, sunny homes for the winter. T. H. Elliott, 61 Central street.

TO LET—5, 6, 7-room tenements in good repair. 161 Lawrence street.

SITUATIONS WANTED

EXPERIENCED LADY desires position in restaurant or bakery. Address Mamie King, G. D., Lowell, Mass.

SITUATION WANTED by respectable young lady to do general housework. Address A 24, Sun office.

WANTED—Situation by lady to do light housework; does not object to children. Call 18 Branch street.

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THREE EDITIONS DAILY.

SUN BUILDING, MERRIMACK SQUARE, LOWELL, MASS.

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Three Dollars per Year. Twenty-five Cents per Month

☞The Sun receives the full day service of The Associated Press, the greatest news-gathering organization in the world. The entire service received over a leased wire, by our own operator in our own office in The Sun building.

SWORN CIRCULATION FOR NOVEMBER

The sworn daily average circulation of the Lowell Sun for the month of November, 1903, was **14,546** A gain of 1039 copies per day over the average for the year of 1902.

Sworn to by Martin H. Reidy, business manager, and Alfred Pilotte, pressman of The Sun, before me, December 1, 1903.

JOHN J. HOGAN, Notary Public.

☞This is a larger circulation than the combined circulation of all the other daily papers in Lowell.

☞An advertisement placed in The Sun is of more value to the advertiser than if it were inserted in all the other newspapers in Lowell, and the cost of inserting it in The Sun is about ONE THIRD the price charged by the other papers.

Get ready to swear off on all those bad habits.

A RISE IN REAL ESTATE VALUES EXPECTED.

Few subjects are of more interest to property owners at the present time than the value of real estate.

For five years past the value of real property in Lowell has been declining and now the best judges including the assessors are of the opinion that the lowest point has been reached and that during the coming year the tendency will be upward.

The causes of the depreciation of real estate are various and radical. One very positive cause is the decreased demand for tenements. An investigation might show that this was due to a period of dull business in which there was little to attract outsiders to Lowell as a centre of population.

Another cause of depreciation in tenement property is the influx of a certain element which, while adding to our population, did not add correspondingly to the volume of business or the demand for dwellings.

They congregated mainly in large blocks but scattered along certain streets, overcrowding the houses with the result that values if not rents dropped alarmingly.

These people dwell in colonies rather than in families and this explains the deterioration of property that results. Being mostly of the male sex, they do not seem to have any idea of establishing permanent homes.

This is a problem that should engage the attention not only of property owners but of the board of health as calculated to spread disease.

Another cause for the depreciation of real estate is the high tax-rate, the result of extravagance at city hall. With the high tax-rate few people care to hold vacant land if they can get rid of it to advantage; while the higher cost of building materials and the reduced demand for tenement and business places, have discouraged building operations to a great extent.

Things in this line have been so dull during the past two years that a business and a building revival are anticipated next year. A good administration at city hall, an enterprising spirit among our business men and continued prosperity among our local industries will go far to bring about the desired change and to send the value of real estate back to what it was some five or ten years ago.

THE ORIENTAL WAR AND ITS POSSIBILITIES.

To the people of this country it might seem of but little importance as to whether war breaks out between Russia and Japan, but of late the commerce of every great power is so dovetailed with the commerce of every other, that no warlike disturbance can prevail in one country without seriously affecting the commercial interests of all the others.

Hence the announcement that war between Japan and Russia is now inevitable causes the people of the United States to pause and inquire what is the real bone of contention.

A superficial view of the situation would indicate that Japan is the aggressor and that she is forcing the war upon Russia while the latter is strongly in favor of peace. But this is not the correct view of the case.

The fact is that for many years Russia has been pushing her frontier eastward. She has been looking for a coast line that would enable her to use a fleet to advantage.

For a long time she looked with covetous eye upon India, the granary of England; but that was too well guarded not only by British troops on land but by a formidable British navy so that here Russian territorial designs were thwarted and as a result Russia turned her attention to Manchuria and the coast line on the east of the Asiatic continent.

In spite of the protests of the other great powers, Russia constructed a trans-continental railroad through Siberia and to make that great enterprise a success, she must have Manchuria, she must have an ice free terminal on the eastern coast.

It is very plain, therefore, that in spite of all protests Russia has no intention of relinquishing her hold upon Manchuria. Not only that, she wants a continuous coast line from Port Arthur to Vladivostok, but Corea lies between these two points and the natural outcome of Russia's advance along the coast would be to absorb Corea.

This is the very thing that Japan is determined to prevent, because if Russia succeeded in establishing her sway on the eastern coast and over Corea she would soon be in a position not only to seize more Chinese territory, but to cripple the commerce and power of Japan. Thus it appears that [illegible] Russia does not want war she in reality is the aggressor. It is natural that she would prefer to be allowed to seize new territory unmolested, but judging from the present outlook she will have to conquer Japan before she goes one step farther.

Is Russia able to conquer Japan? If the battles were to be fought on Russian territory not far from Moscow or even at the Crimea, Russia would make short work of the doughty little insular empire of the Orient; but Japan has a navy that so far as discipline and equipment are concerned is far superior to that of Russia. The Japanese admirals are men of great skill and tactical ability. They have made great advances in the art of naval warfare since they whipped China and hence the Japanese fleet is probably able to cope with any other second rate fleet of equal size in the world.

The Russian fleet is reported to be in poor condition, while the admirals and crews are undisciplined and inexperienced. There is slight probability that they can successfully meet the Japanese fleet. But Russia must labor under another handicap in conducting a war so far from her base of supplies. It requires sixteen days to cross the continent by the Siberian railroad and what is worst of all Russia has no supply of coal nearer than the Ural mountains. For this reason she would be almost as badly off in conducting a war with Japan as England was in conducting a war in South Africa. The English fleet could land supplies in South Africa in a shorter time than it will take Russia to transport supplies by the trans-continental railroad.

It is very plain, therefore, that in a war with Japan, Russia will not have things entirely as she wishes. China will aid Japan and England will also help her by sending ammunition and supplies and by permitting Japanese merchant vessels to register under the British flag.

France on the other hand is in sympathy with Russia, but it is doubtful if she will do much or if she can do much without violating the neutrality laws.

As for the United States she will have a squadron near the scene of hostilities to protect American interests and to preserve the open door of commerce.

The war would increase the price of commodities imported from the Orient while it would probably create a demand for certain kinds of American goods required by the belligerents during the progress of hostilities. There is very little chance that it will involve other powers. England can hardly be forced into another conflict at the present time and there is nothing at stake that would make it an object for France to join Russia in a fight for the possession of new territory to which she has no just claim.

For our own part we surmise that Russia will cease to push her claims in the east and thus temporarily at least avert a war with Japan. The latter is as anxious to fight, however, as the former is reluctant, so that it will require quick and effective diplomatic work to clear the atmosphere and prevent an outbreak.

SEEN AND HEARD

There is no "snap" in a cold snap; it bites the just as well as the unjust.

Speaking of wrestling, the city fathers will have a championship wrestle with the finances in 1904 to keep the tax rate down.

The county of Middlesex is so poor that it couldn't afford to give the inmates at the Lowell jail a turkey dinner on Christmas day.

The Sun's crusade against street car advertisements deserves success, for many of these advertisements would not be tolerated in homes. If the advertisements cannot be wholly eliminated a censor should be appointed to cut out the doubtful and objectionable ones.

CRACKERS A LUXURY.

If the story I heard the other day is true, there's rum as well as whiskey for sale in Lowell. The fellow who told it was a very honest looking individual and the story was jokingly told. "There were six of us," he said, "about three weeks ago and we were about on our uppers. We pooled our issues and found we had 60 cents. So far as room and fire and one thing or another was concerned, we were well enough off, but we were hungry and agreed that it would be better to delegate one man to spend the 60 cents than it would be for all of us to go out. We decided that one man would be more judicious and we picked on the man who was forever talking economy. His name was Johnson and we all believed him to be a downright honest fellow and a good manager. Johnson took the money and despite our confidence in him our last words to him were "remember we can do without luxuries." Johnson returned in less than twenty minutes and we were tickled to death to see him. We had reason to suppose that we had made a wise move when we appointed him, but we changed our minds. Johnson after advancing and giving the counter sign, produced a pint bottle, filled with rum, and a dozen crackers. 'Comrades,' he said, drawing himself up to his full height, and he was a pretty tall fellow, 'I owe you an apology. You told me to bring only the necessaries, but I couldn't resist the temptation to buy a few crackers.'"

SERGT. SHEA'S STORY.

John Shea, better known as Sergt. Shea, called at the police station Wednesday evening. John called of his own accord—he was visiting. While there an officer asked him to tell the story of the man whose son was a basketball player.

"That was funny," laughed John. "I had known Mr. M— — for quite a number of years and one day, just as I stepped from a little store in Market street with a basket in my hand, he approached me and said: 'Well, Mr. Shea, you're a very nice man. I have known you for a long while and I think a great deal of you.'

"I thanked him kindly for his very pleasing expressions and returned the compliment. I was about to take leave of him when he touched me on the arm and looking me straight in the eye, said to me: 'But there's one thing I can say that you haven't to say. I have a boy that's a basketball player. None of your boys are basketball players.'

"'No,' I said, 'none of my boys are basketball players, but I have boys that go out and fight for their country.' I was good natured about it and gave him the glad hand when we parted. I had gone about two steps when I received a punch in the rear of my left ear that made me see stars. As soon as I had collected my scattered senses I dropped the basket, but when I did the man, who had a son who played basketball, ran away. All the consolation I had was in the thought that if his boy didn't have more pluck than his old man he'd make a mighty poor soldier. That's the story, so now give me a match," said John, and lighting his woodstock he strolled away.

MINSTREL SHOW

AT THE HIGHLAND CLUB TONIGHT.

There is to be an enjoyable gathering at the Highland club this evening, when a capital minstrel entertainment is to take place. The program arranged is one that promises to be of a very high order and as great attention has been paid to rehearsals there is every reason to anticipate that nothing will be wanting in its execution. From half past 9 until 1 o'clock dancing will be indulged in to the strains of a good orchestra. A general good time is expected, and the committee in charge are determined that no efforts shall be lacking on their part for the new year to be ushered with a heartiness that will long remain green in the memory of those who attend.

JULIA RICKS INSANE.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 31.—Miss Julia Ricks, who some time ago created a sensation in New York by demanding a large sum of money from Mrs. May Harrington Stello, the former wife of Dan R. Hanna, was yesterday adjudged insane by Acting Judge Schwab, and committed to the state asylum for the insane at Newburg.

SOME CYCLE NEWS

Items of Interest About The Racers

"Major" Taylor, the colored whirlwind from Worcester, who has had more to contend with than any other rider on the track, owing to his color, is now living on the sunny side of Easy street and whenever he wishes to retire he can do so and live in style and comfort. During the past eight years the colored fellow has stored away $80,000, and is with probably one exception, the richest rider on the cycle track. He is the most prominent sprint rider in the world today.

The story of his career is well known. It is now three years since he went to Europe to race Jacquelin for the championship of the world, which he won. He traveled all over the old country in 1901, meeting all comers and was only beaten once.

In 1902 he went to Europe and was very successful, his winnings being about $20,000. While there he signed a contract to go back again for this year with a guarantee of $10,000 to start riding in July in Paris.

Last January Taylor went to Australia and before he started he received $5000 from a syndicate of promoters and a guarantee of $7500. In Australia he made a big hit. He left there the last of May to fill his engagement in Paris.

Taylor returned home the first of last October and was going to settle down and retire from the cycle game, but he again received an offer from Australia with a guarantee of $7500.

He cabled back, saying it was not enough money, but he would go for $8500. The offer was accepted and Taylor started from Worcester last month, taking with him his wife and father.

It is said that he has cleaned up in the last eight years about $50,000 in the cycle game.

Frank A. Gately, the well known motor expert, who was badly injured on last Decoration Day at Charles River park, when Harry Elkes was killed, has made out the following list which shows what some of the old-timers are doing:

Paul Bourotillan, champion sprint rider of the world in 1897, is making a great success in Europe as an opera singer.

Jimmy Warburton (son of "Chappy," the man who brought out Michael), who was a pacemaker on the National track team at Charles River park in 1898, went to South Africa during the Boer war and was wounded at Ladysmith. He is now a prosperous hardware dealer in Johannesburg.

Charles W. Ridgeway of London, amateur middle distance champion of 1896, is with the Banker Brothers, selling automobiles. He expects to run an 80-horse-power car in the 1904 Gordon-Bennett cup race in Germany.

J. W. Stocks of Hull, England, champion high bicycle rider in 1888, and middle distance champion of Europe in 1896 and 1899, is in the automobile business in London.

Tom Linton is running a hotel in Paris, and is doing well.

Frank (Dutch) Waller is working in a cafe in London.

Eddie Bald is a bookmaker.

Tom Cooper is making automobiles in the west.

Barney Oldfield is racing automobiles.

Austin Crook is working for the Edison company in New York city.

Bob Miller is driving automobiles in St. Paul.

Al Newhouse and Bill Sherer are in the automobile business in New York.

Bill Tenzler is working for a private family as chauffeur.

Dudley Marks is in Boston with a manufacturing concern.

Orlando Stevens is in the fruit business in Oakland, Cal.

Edward Freeman is an artist for a newspaper in Newark, N. J.

Fred St. Onge is on the vaudeville stage doing a tramp bicycle act.

Pete Berlo is building motors in Boston.

Frank Butler has got a chicken farm up the state.

Harvey Hutchins is a dentist in this city.

The Clark boys are in the plumbing business in Boston.

A. A. Zimmerman is running a hotel in Freehold, N. J.

Tom Lynch is running an automobile station in California.

Baby Gibson is running a hat store in St. Louis.

Frank Mayo is working as a paper cutter in Boston.

Eddie McDuffie is running a touring car for a private family in New York.

Louis Mettling is in the west doing a bicycle act with Billy Bean of Cambridge. They will leave for Europe in March.

The Bicycling World of New York in commenting on some of the interesting incidents and comments on the six-day race that did not form part of the news, has the following in regard to Keegan and Moran:

"The "Irish team"—Moran and Keegan—came in for a great deal of sympathy. They were penalized a lap as a result of the retirement of their respective partners, McLean and Turville, and, strive as they would, were not able to win it back. When, on Saturday evening, it was announced that they would be called from the track five minutes before the finish, there were cries of "Give them a chance!" from the galleries, and only the announcement that the rule making this necessary had been in force four successive years availed to still them.

There was considerable friction developed between the two men, although it never came to an open rupture. Keegan was wild to force the fighting all along the line in order to regain the lap. "Do or die" was his motto, meaning that he favored perpetual hammering away until a weak spot was found and a gain made. If they killed themselves in the attempt—figuratively speaking, of course—and failed, they were no worse off, as the best they could do was get eighth money, while if they wore out two or three of the weaker teams it would be so much clear gain.

Moran, however, held that tactics of this kind were useless, that all must be lapped or none, and that only a sprint would win it. The two men wrangled over this for two days, and Moran finally carried his point.

There are not wanting good judges who think that Keegan's plan was the better and the more likely to succeed. A waiting game suited the leaders and did not suit the two lapped men. There were weak spots—notably the Frenchman and Monroe, and a determined and sustained assault might very easily have put an entirely different face on the matter. But the opportunity was lost, and Keegan and Moran had little to show for their long ride.

Money deposited this week in the Five Cents Savings bank begins to draw interest Saturday, Jan. 2nd.

IN FALL RIVER

CURTAILMENT IS NOT LIKELY YET.

FALL RIVER, Dec. 31.—Although there has been more or less talk during the last few days that some of the mills were contemplating running on short time there is not much probability of such action being taken at least for the present. Treasurers who are willing to talk on the subject state that they do not wish to curtail unless absolutely forced to do so by the condition of the cotton market. Actual cotton cannot be purchased today at less than 14½ cents a pound, and any great advances beyond this would prohibit the manufacture of goods with any chance of a profit. When the time arrives that a certain loss confronts the manufacturers of cotton cloth a curtailment movement might be resorted to, but agents say that that state of affairs has not been reached yet in this city and the policy will be to run the mills the full time if that is possible.

The non-delivery of cotton bought at lower prices than present quotations is the most serious factor in the situation at present and there is no doubt that there is a large quantity that should be coming forward that fails to arrive, and the sales notes representing this cotton have not been issued by one or two firms but are quite widely distributed. The southerner is a very unsatisfactory individual to do business with when the market is going against him and brokers are kept on the anxious seat wondering how many contracts are to be defaulted. Already steps are being taken to prevent a repetition of the complications which have come about because of this failure of southern firms and it is proposed to have uniform sale notes used by all the brokers with a margin posted at the time the contract is made.

MORE BAD MONEY

IS BEING CIRCULATED IN MANCHESTER.

MANCHESTER, Dec. 31.—Because two men who are alleged to have passed counterfeit money in Manchester have been placed under lock and key is no reason that business men and citizens should be less cautious in the examination of the money they now receive. As proven by several cases reported to the police within the past few days, the bad bills are still "circulating" about the city, or else some other "shover of the queer" is getting in his fine work in the wake of Messrs. Wiggin and Wilson. Within a few days two $10 bills have been passed in local saloons and have been received without suspicion on the part of the proprietors until they came to bank their money and were informed by the bank experts that they were so much out.

This morning another $5 bill of the variety in imitation of the Morristown, N. J., Iron bank's paper was brought to the police station and placed in Chief Healey's collection of fine penwork exhibits. It was found by Grocer J. N. Lacourse of Manchester street in his money drawer, and he is unable to tell how he got it beyond the fact that it came in some time yesterday afternoon. The police are in doubt whether these late found bills were passed by counterfeiters or by some innocent person who received them when the flood of bad bills was spreading in Manchester, and who have kept them in circulation without detecting their spurious nature. The last bill found is as good an imitation as the others and had been worn ragged and soiled to make it appear that it had been in circulation a good while.

HEAVY SENTENCE

JAMES BLAKE RECEIVED EIGHT YEARS.

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Dec. 31.—James Blake, alias John Lombard, recently convicted of assault with intent to kill on Chief of Police Maurice Fitzgerald of Ware, was yesterday sentenced in the superior court to serve eight years in state prison.

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In reading of this sale of winter goods it should be remembered that we don't sell trash. No unworthy thing finds a place in our store.

These are all regular stock—carefully selected—that we know to be the worthiest goods at first prices that money could buy. They are worth as much today—to you—as they ever were, although you get them now for one-third to one-half less than yesterday.

Men's Wool Fleeced Underwear 35c

A handsome steel mixture, shirts made with broad satin fronts—shirts and drawers finished with pearl buttons, double seams, all sizes today, 30 to 46. Equal to any 69c garment sold—for only - - - 35c

Men's Fine Fawn Jersey Underwear 35c

Full winter weight, shirts handsomely finished with silk front, pearl buttons and French neck. Drawers with deep English bands, patent gusset and buttons—sizes today 32 to 42. Were great value for 50c, the lot marked now - . . 35c

8 Dozens Boys' Lined Leather Gloves and mittens, with wool wrists—today all sizes—an excellent quality for 25c, all today marked - - - - - - 19c

18 Dozens Men's Heavy Leather Gloves and mittens, with wool wrists, the end of a large lot—today - - - - - - - - 25c

Men's Fleeced Underwear 25c

The greatest value we ever advertised. Very heavy fleeced shirts and drawers, in the popular Jaeger mixture — shirts finely finished with French necks and pearl buttons. Drawers, self fronts and pearl buttons, twin needle seams and double cuffs—a regular 50c quality today for only - - - - - 25c

Men's Lined and Unlined Leather Gloves with wool wrists or plain leather. A collection of several lots of 50c goods. All marked today - . . . - 39c

10 Dozens Men's Winter Caps—double band golf shape, made from excellent all wool heavy cheviots—were 50c, today for 35c

Boys' Fleece Lined Underwear 19c.

Twelve dozens only in this lot, but remarkable for the price. A neat brown mixture, nicely made with double seams and double cuffs—regular 25c goods for 19c

Boys' Fleeced Underwear 25c.

In a handsome steel mixture. Shirts and drawers finely finished with pearl buttons—shirts with handsome galloon fronts, regular 38c quality for - 25c

6 Dozens Boys' Genuine Mohair Tams,

the quality sold everywhere for 75c. The remainder of our last purchase, today 37½c

Nine Hundred Pairs Men's Heavy Wool Stockings

for one-third off the price—these represent all that we have left of several thousand pairs of Black, Camel's hair and Oxford half hose; this class of goods is sold everywhere for 15c to 20c a pair—we shall close this lot for - . . . . . 10c a Pair

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Great Work Done by Superintendent Conlon

On a Small Appropriation He Has Made Repairs on Nearly Every Public Building and Has Made Several Permanent Improvements Out of His Regular Appropriation

For some time past the non-partisan organ has from time to time published small paragraphs criticizing adversely the administration of Supt. Conlon of the lands and buildings department, insinuating that he has been extravagant and is incompetent though it makes no direct charge, having searched in vain for something tangible with which to attack him. Finally the paper in question suggests that Supt. Conlon should be dropped from office because he overran his appropriation. The critics of Supt. Conlon, however, overlook the fact that Supt. Whitcomb makes a practice of overrunning his appropriations because that gentleman votes the republican ticket on election day.

A party of employes were discussing the criticisms of Supt. Conlon, at city hall, a few days ago when Foreman Burnham of the lands and buildings department spoke up and said: "It is easy enough for an editor to sit in his office and criticise this or any department with simply a couple of sets of figures to go by but let him take the trouble to investigate some of the work that has been done in the department under the regular appropriation during the year about to close and he will have a different story to write when he has finished."

The Sun reporter yesterday, acting upon the suggestion made a tour of the buildings in charge of Supt. Conlon, and at the close of his trip was convinced that the department this year has done more work for the money allowed it than has been done for several years, and it did work that should have been done long before but which was left for the future to care for.

Leaving city hall the first place visited was the Memoral building, the exterior woodwork of which has been painted for the first time since the building was opened. The building was badly in need of attention and the improvement is marked. Going out to the Moody street school another marked improvement is found. The school yard here backs up against a wall of loose earth and cobbles of the nature of the First street bank which annually slides down upon the car tracks, only much smaller. This bank in rainy weather and in spring has been dropping into the school yard ruining the wooden picket fence which was built, rebuilt and built again after each invasion by the bank until Supt. Conlon put an end to the trouble for all time by constructing a 225 foot stone wall along the edge of the bank.

The Pawtucketville school, the hall and corridors of which were plastered when the school was built and never touched afterward now look resplendent in new kalsomining, done since Supt. Conlon took office. And it might be stated at this point that every school house basement in Lowell has been whitewashed under Supt. Conlon, something that was woefully needed in many of the buildings.

Just below the Pawtucketville school house is the Pawtucketville engine house where Mr. Conlon used a portion of his appropriation to good advantage. Heretofore the floor space in this place was insufficient and one of the horses on the engine was obliged to run around the back of the engine to get to its position at the pole, losing time and frequently slipping down. For several years the firemen wanted the conditions improved and it remained for the present superintendent to give them what they were looking for. By utilizing some of yard space he built a one story brick addition to the building, thus giving room for an additional stall, a new and more convenient side entrance and a more convenient stairway for the firemen. The horse now has a straight road from its stall.

At the Cross street school house Supt. Conlon has put up an 80-foot wall, a new fence and new stairway to the playground; another badly needed permanent improvement made out of the regular appropriation for lands and buildings.

At the ambulance stable a portion of the back brick wall fell out and ordinarily a whole new wall would have been called for but this was Supt. Conlon's particular line of business, and he shored up the wall as a comparatively small cost. In the ambulance yard he replanked the old coal sheds, put in new timbers and a gravel roof and put on sliding doors so as to allow the storing of sleighs, another permanent improvement made out of the regular appropriation. In the health department yard out of his regular appropriation Mr. Conlon built a 60-foot shed for the storage of seven garbage wagons, shingled the roof of the stable and replanked the floor. Other sheds were built out of a special appropriation but these referred to were done with the regular lands and buildings appropriation.

It was not the intention of the reporter to refer to work done by special appropriation but merely to show where the regular appropriation had been spent, but new sheds at the city stables are well worth at least passing notice. In the health department yard are a line of two-story sheds 148x20, in which the wagons are stored in the lower story and the sleighs above. These have been asked for, for years, but until this year the street and health departments were unable to get the money with which to do the work. In the street department yard are a line of two-story sheds 130x24, in the upper story of which the department now stores its oak lumber, which in years gone by used to lie in the yard at the mercy of the elements. In part of these sheds the watering carts and steam rollers are housed. Speaking of these sheds, Foreman Burnham said: "They were built by Mr. Conlon as cheap and as well as any contractor in Lowell could do the work."

Within the street department stable The Sun reporter found a poor, old, gray horse with spinal trouble, bandaged up in a new box stall that Mr. Conlon put in this year. He also built 25 new cribs for the stalls and put in 42 new stall pans, and three new water closets for the employes of the department.

The police station, as has been written before, is a new building with the exception of the walls, having been renovated under a special appropriation for that purpose, made before Supt. Conlon went into office and then added to.

The plans for the improvement of the police station were made out before Mr. Conlon went into office and he found several little matters that he thought should be attended to that were not provided for in the special appropriation and he proceeded to attend to them out of his regular fund. He increased the sink and lavatory facilities in the cell room, for which improvement Councilman J. J. Hayes spoke strongly in the common council. He built an ice box in the cell rooms, a much needed addition to the appointments and he put new water closets in the cells. He put a new floor in the guard room, redecorated the offices of the superintendent and the commissioners and put a new floor in the commissioners' room; changed the plan of the Wentworth library so as to enlarge the office of Probation Officer Slattery and put in a new toilet room up stairs, all this work being done apart from the special police station appropriation.

To describe the improvements and repairs in detail would require more space than can be devoted at this time hence mere mention is made in many cases.

The Varnum school has received a coat of kalsomining throughout and Weed street and new Moody schools have been fitted up with new sashes, made necessary by the explosion.

A list of the other work done is as follows:

Oaklands school, painted outside and basement; Warren street engine house, small brick addition built to give more room to entrance; Lyon street school, sanitary work and new fence in ward room; Central street school, porch repaired; Greene school, new sinks and two rooms kalsomined; London street annex converted into a new building; hose 8 house, new stalls, bathroom and floor; Colburn school, new sinks, building painted outside; Chapel and Cottage street schools, new fences; Fayette street school, repaired porch and roof, new steps and fence; Kirk street school, new fence and water closets; Lexington avenue and Plain street schools, new fences; Armory and sewer department, new fences; made 125 coffins for pauper department; Morrill school, painted inside and outside, basement renovated; truck 2 house, stalls repaired; Agawam street school painted outside and fences repaired; Worthen street school, new stairs and plumbing; West Sixth street school, new floor and other repairs; Lincoln school, general repairs; Anne street, new fences; High, general repairs; Lakeview avenue, new steps; Fourth street engine house, new door and stalls; Cheever street school, new coal bin; hose 6, new floor in barn, repairs on stalls; Charles street school, new fences; Dover street, new floor and fence; engine 2, general repairs on stalls, new hay rack; Butler school, new fence and floors in eight dressing rooms; Tenth street school, repaired porches and general repairs; hose 9, stalls and hay rack; engine 3, repairs on stalls.

From the above it will be seen that not only did nearly every building owned by the city get some share of the appropriation but in several cases Mr. Conlon has made permanent improvements out of his regular appropriation. Old employes are authority for the statement that he has done more work than has been done in any one year by any of his predecessors for a long time back.

He has not only spent the money given him for his department judiciously but in some cases to great advantage and his record will compare favorably with that of any other head of department in the city's employ.

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MAYBE MOODY

Secretary May Manage Campaign

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Even if Ex-Gov. W. Murray Crane should decline the chairmanship of the national republican committee the distinction of supplying the man to manage the next republican campaign may fall to the lot of Massachusetts.

The suggestion has been made and is being seriously considered, that Sec. W. H. Moody shall be asked to become President Roosevelt's campaign manager.

It is doubtful if there is any other man who combines so many qualifications that so peculiarly fit him for the place. He is a politician whom no one ever accuses of being a politician. In fact, when he was in congress some of his friends did not hesitate to say that he was the worst politician that Massachusetts had ever produced, which is saying a good deal. But the proof of the pudding is in the eating, and a politician who lands every time he sets out to make a campaign perhaps knows the rudiments of the game.

Mr. Moody made four campaigns for congress, each of which practically cost him nothing, and every time his majority increased.

Mr. Moody has impressed himself upon his colleagues of the cabinet and public men generally for his good judgment has great fund of what Lincoln would have called "horse sense," and his imperturbable balance. He never slops over, he never gets excited, he never gets unduly elated or unduly depressed. Things may go wrong within him much, but he does not show it.

"Moody doesn't have glass in the top of his head," was the remark of a member of the cabinet, by which he meant that something more than surface observation was necessary to ascertain what was going on inside the secretary's head. Excellent qualities these for a campaign manager.

But he has others. He has a charm of manner which is very captivating. A certain member of the cabinet has called him in affectionate playfulness "Sunny William."

"Moody perpetually radiates good humor," this member remarked. "I don't know whether Moody has a conscience," he added. "But I am quite sure he hasn't a stomach. No man with a digestion or a liver could always be in good temper."

BOSTON MAN

WILL GET THE REWARD OF $3000 FOR ARREST OF ALVORD.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Justice McCall in the supreme court yesterday gave a decision in favor of J. H. Atwood of Boston, who sued Detective J. F. Armstrong of the New York police force for the $3000 reward offered for the arrest of Cornelius L. Alvord, Jr., the defaulting official of the First National bank of this city. Alvord was captured in Boston and several persons besides Atwood and Armstrong claimed the reward, which has not yet been paid. Justice McCall decided that Atwood is entitled to it.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

A successful open meeting and smoke talk was held by Lowell lodge, International Association of Machinists at their hall in Central street last night. The attendance was very large and as an invitation had been sent out to non-union machinists to attend, there were a good many of the latter present. A fine address on unionism was delivered by Walter Ames, seventh vice president of the International association, and Stewart Reid, one of the organizers of the American Federation of Labor.

The local lodge elected officers for the ensuing term at their last meeting and these will be installed next Friday evening at the regular meeting. A complimentary dance is to be conducted by the lodge, and the committee which was appointed recently to make the necessary arrangements, report that everything points to a very successful affair.

The regular meeting of Court Gen. Shields, F. of A., was held last night and there was a large attendance of members. The principal business of the evening was the election of officers for the ensuing term, which resulted as follows: C. R., Dennis Hallisey; S. C. R., William C. Boles; treasurer, Thomas Keegan; recording secretary, John Hanley; financial secretary, James H. Cox; senior woodward, Joseph Clare; junior woodward, John McNulty; senior beadle, Anthony Ferrello; junior beadle, James E. Lang; trustee for three years, Thomas Moss; lecturer, Michael M. Mullen; physician for one year, Dr. A. J. Halpin.

Mechanics Lodge, I. O. O. F., met in regular session last night and the following officers were elected for the ensuing six months: Noble grand, John J. Preston; vice-grand, William J. Samson; recording secretary, Frank B. Wright; financial secretary, Daniel B. H. Bartlett; treasurer, Adelbert M. Huntoon; trustee for three years, Frank A. Fletcher.

BOWLING NEWS.

The All-Stars defeated the Wonders by the score of 775 to 771 in a close and highly interesting game at Les Miserables alleys last night. It looked pretty blue for the All-Stars during the early part of the game, but a Garrison finish in the last string was the one which told the story and won the game for them. The score:

All-Stars—Larkin 161, Shields 136, Winn 126, McCarthy 135, Murphy 216; total, 775.

Wonders—Sullivan 143, Casey 178, Welch 180, Fitzgerald 161, McQuade 172; total, 771.

CENTRALVILLE CLERKS WON.

The Centralville Clerks defeated the Combines on Les Miserables alleys last night in a rather one-sided game, the boys from across the bridge being too much for their opponents. The score:

Centralville Clerks—Rubin 243, McNeal 227, Laundry 240, J. O'Brien 244, D. O'Brien 257; total, 1221.

Combines—Stearns 231, McDonald 238, Snowman 238, Butterfield 231, Perren 231; total, 1169.

E Z MARKS WERE E Z.

Murty's Collectors defeated O'Brien's E Z Marks last night on Les Miserables alleys by a score of 862 to 755. The score:

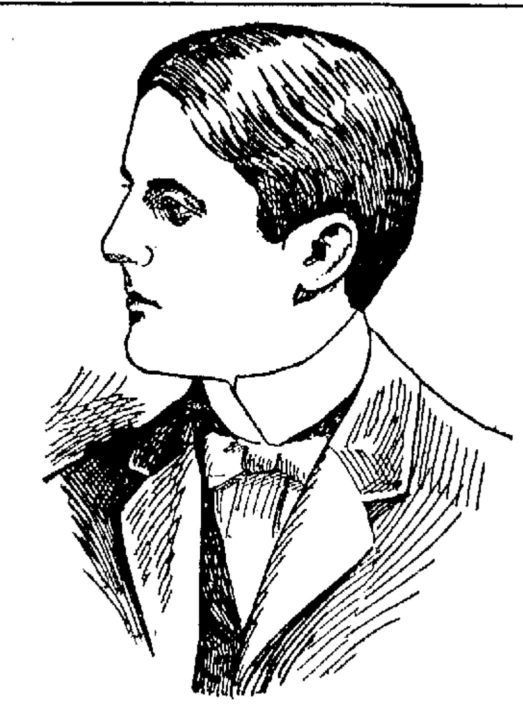
Murty's Collectors—Murty Sullivan 195, Mick Casey 150, Mullin 115, Mick McCloskey 212, Fitzgerald 190; total, 862.

O'Brien's E Z Marks—D. O'Brien 100, Mickey Larkin 180, Jim Duffy 175, Puck O'Brien 150, Hovey 150; total, 755.

POLO RESULTS.

At Chelsea—Chelsea 6, Lawrence 0
At Woburn—Salem 6, Woburn 5.

Edward Everett Adams announces that he will keep open house at his studio, suite 15, Odd Fellows' Temple, Friday evening, Jan. 1, from 8 to 10.30. A cordial invitation is extended to all his friends to call during the evening.



ARTHUR LYMAN.

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Lowell Boy Died in Boston

Arthur Lyman of this city died yesterday at the Massachusetts General hospital in Boston, where he had been confined for several weeks past. His death was not expected and the sad news came as a shock to his many friends and acquaintances.

He served during the Spanish-American war and on his return entered Yale college, and while there received an injury to his right leg, which later developed into so serious a case that his attending physician advised him to go to the Massachusetts General hospital and have the injured member amputated. He did so, and the operation proved, apparently, very successful. It was not long before the patient was enjoying his usual good health. Of late, however, he complained of a return of his illness and recently he was again advised by his physician to visit the hospital at Boston. He did so, and, although everything that medical skill could suggest was done to save the young man's life, he grew worse until death came.

Mr. Lyman was a son of Edward Lyman of Wilder street, mechanical engineer for the Bigelow Carpet company. He is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Frank H. Putnam, and two brothers, Ralph H. and Harry Lyman.

He was a student at the Yale Medical school in New Haven, this being his senior year. He came to Boston to witness the recent Yale-Harvard game and afterwards came to his home in this city. While in Lowell he was taken ill and rapidly grew worse.

THEATRE FIRES

Some of the Big Fires in 27 Years

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Nothing like yesterday's horror has been known in the history of the city, or probably in the world's history. As the bodies were taken out of the theatre they were laid in rows on the sidewalk because they could not be moved quickly enough to the morgues. All kinds of trucks were pressed into service. In a short time the morgues and hospitals were piled high with bodies, until several places refused to take any more.

Prior to the burning of the Iroquois there have been four theatrical fires, which are regarded as the most serious in the annals of the stage. The first was that of the Park Theatre, Brooklyn, on the night of Dec. 5, 1876. The building occupied the site where the Brooklyn Eagle now stands and was an old and rather dilapidated structure.

At that time the attraction was "The Two Orphans," in which Kate Claxton, Charles R. Thorne and Harry Murdoch were playing the leading roles. When the fire was discovered it was not considered a serious matter and a member of the company came before the curtain and announced that on account of a slight accident the audience would be dismissed, but that there was plenty of time and no danger.

BETWEEN 275 AND 300 DEAD.

The members of the company were slow in leaving the stage, but the fire gained so rapidly that the players were compelled to make their escape through an underground passage to the street.

Harry Murdoch, a well-known Boston actor, and formerly a member of the famous Arthur Cheney company at the old Globe theatre in Boston, it is thought, went back to secure some of his property and was overcome. Claude Burroughs, who had been playing the role of Picard, was also lost. The audience became panic-stricken and were crushed, suffocated and burned.

Between 275 and 300 bodies were taken from the ruins, but there were probably many more incinerated beyond recognition. It was this fire which caused the remodelling of nearly every playhouse in the country and to the framing of building laws for the protection of the public.

Then came the burning of the Opera Comique in Paris in May, 1887. This building was supposed to be fireproof, and while there was much damage done to the structure, the greatest loss of life was caused by suffocation and being trampled to death.

In this fire over 130 lives were lost, and the managing director of the house was imprisoned for three months and fined 20,000 francs. The fireman of the establishment was also incarcerated for a month.

Dec. 8, 1882, occurred the greatest holocaust which Europe has ever suffered. It was at the Ring Theatre, Vienna, and here, too, the loss of life was chiefly occasioned by suffocation and trampling. At that fire the dead were estimated at 447.

CHARITY BAZAAR FIRE.

In recent years has occurred a disaster which, although not strictly speaking a theatrical fire, is numbered among the amusement calamities of the world. It was at the charity bazaar given in Paris in May, 1897. The fete was taking place in what is termed "Old Paris," on Rue Jean Goujon. When the fire broke out there was a general stampede, and history states that the men fought for their lives to the detriment of the women.

The loss of life was over 125 persons, nearly all of whom were women. Among the dead was the Duchess d'Alencon, a sister of the Empress of Austria, and there were many others of almost equal prominence.

FEW FATAL FIRES.

London has been singularly free from disastrous theatrical fires in recent years. Playhouses have been burned, but it was at a time when they were unoccupied. This country, too, with the exception of the Park Theatre and the present dreadful affair, has been very fortunate, considering the number of theatres here, and while many have been destroyed, it has heretofore been when they were empty.

LIVES IN BILLERICA

BUT COLLIER WILL BE PRESIDENT OF CHELSEA ALDERMEN.

Forrest F. Collier, who has been selected in a caucus as president of the 1904 Chelsea board of aldermen, is unique among the city fathers of Greater Boston, for while he sits at stated intervals with the solons in Chelsea city hall, he lives in Billerica.

Mr. Collier recently married a charming Billerica girl and moved to that town. He starts Jan. 1 on the second year of his term as alderman.

He is the son of Abram T. Collier, vice-president of the Shawmut National bank of Boston, and was born in Chelsea. He graduated from the public and high schools of his city, was four years in Harvard college and went through a three years' course in the Harvard Law school. Mr. Collier is a lawyer by profession. He is the youngest member of the Chelsea board.

GO 'LONG THERE

ICE TROTTING WILL BE IN ORDER SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

If the ice on the Merrimack is in good condition Saturday afternoon the local horsemen will have some good sport.

John Maguire has been engaged in preparing a track and he says that if the weather continues cold everything will be in apple pie order for good racing Saturday afternoon. The entrance fee will be reasonable and good prizes will be offered.

CHECK DISEASE

WATER IN HORSE TROUGHS SHUT OFF AT LAWRENCE.

In accord with a request of the board of health in Lawrence the water in the horse water troughs of that city was turned off yesterday morning by the water department. The request was made to Supt. Collins by Agent Smith Tuesday afternoon and the reason is understood to be because of the existence of glanders in that city at the present time.

NEW CHARGE D'AFFAIRES.

COLON, Dec. 31.—Henry Moet, who has been appointed French charge d'affaires at Panama arrived here yesterday and was received with honor by the officers of the military and police. He paid a formal visit to Gov. Melendez.

FOURTH REUNION

Of the High School Alumni

The fourth annual reunion under the auspices of the High school alumni was held last night at the High school annex and a large number turned out to enjoy the festivities, former graduates being very much in evidence while the students of the High school at the present time were well represented to say nothing of a number of friends of the graduates and students of the school. The affair was under the auspices of the classes of '96, '97, '98, '99, '00, '01, '02, '03 and '04. It proved to be the most brilliant social success ever undertaken by the students.

The hall was simply decorated, the flags of the different classes being suspended from the ceiling. The matrons occupied a conspicuous position on the right hand side of the hall where they exchanged greetings with former students.

There was a large representation of the students of the Normal school present as well as students from various women's colleges throughout the state. Many of the college boys home for the Christmas vacation availed themselves of the opportunity to participate in the function.

Shortly after eight o'clock Chairman Winfred MacBrayne called to order and stated that one of the purposes of the function was to broach the idea of the formation of an alumni association. He said that in past years efforts have been made by various classes to form such an organization but that for some reason or other these organizations did not become permanent. Remarks of a similar nature were also made by Principal Cyrus Irish and Mr. Carl Burtt.

The concert program was given between eight and nine o'clock by Hadley's orchestra, and was pleasantly received by the large assemblage. An intermission was taken during which a light collation was served.

Dancing followed continuing until midnight.

The members of the committee having charge of the affair are as follows, each class from 1896 up to the present time being represented:

Winfred C. MacBrayne, '00, chairman; Miss Marion Bill, '04, secretary; William A. Driscoll, '04, treasurer; Robert E. Goodell, '96, Miss Ethel Whitcomb, '96, Dr. Frank Leahey, '96, Miss Elsie Puffer, '96, Stanley E. Qua, '97, Miss Alice Bachelder, '97, Josiah Butler, '97, Miss Katherine Coggeshall, '97, Miss Alice Richardson, '97; William H. Howard, '97, Miss Alice Duckworth, '97, Miss Ida A. Woodies, '97, Miss Evelyn Pierce, '97, Miss Maud Young, '97, Miss Linda Stearns, '98, Miss Ardell Roper, '98, Robert Elliott, '98, Joseph Wright, '98, Miss B. K. Smith, '98, Frank Brady, '98, Miss Edith Richardson, '99, Dana B. Whipple, '99, Miss Florence Gray, '99, John J. Rogers, '99, Ralph Bean, '00, Miss Madeline Crevier, '00, Arthur Lovejoy, '00, Miss Alice Rowell, '00, Lester Russell, '00, Arnold S. Halstead, '01, Miss Edna Thompson, '01, Willard Parker, '01, Miss Bertha Abbott, '01, Miss Grace Pearson, '01, Miss Catherine Whittaker, '01, Orrin Wing, '02, Miss Amy G. Bent, '02, Carl Stocks, '02, Miss Helen Stearns, '02, Miss Alice Gray, '02, Herbert Horne, '03, Miss Eva Young, '03, Miss Ruth Favor, '03, Miss Katherine Rafter, '03, Miss Eleonore Rivet, '03, Miss Ella Proctor, '03, Miss Gertrude Teague, '04, William L. Gookin, '04, Miss Margaret Teague, '04, Burton Carey, '04, Miss Margaret Snow, '04, Felton Moody, '04, Melvin Master, '04.

The school organizations are as follows:

Athletic Association—Melvin Master, president; Ruth Eaton, secretary; Joseph Sargent, treasurer.

Debating Club—William A. Driscoll, president; Edna Cutter, secretary.

Foot Ball Team—Melvin Master, captain; Marcus Cole, manager; Robert B. Parker, assistant manager.

Girls' Basket Ball Team—Blanche Hunking, captain; Carl D. Burtt, manager.

Boys' Basket Ball Team—Carl Bicknell, manager; Charles Seede, captain.

Track Team—Freeman M. Hallett, captain; Harry Hatch, manager.

Matrons—The High school teachers; Mrs. Cyrus W. Irish, Mrs. Carl D. Burtt.

The officers of the different classes are as follows:

Class of '96—Cecil Adams, president; Charlotte Cheney, vice president; Annie Paul (deceased) secretary; Percy Moody, treasurer; Arthur Phelan (deceased) sergt-at-arms.

Class of '97—Harold Caverly, president; Alice Richardson, vice president; Mary H. Coburn, secretary; John Seede, treasurer; George M. Spear, sergt.-at-arms.

Class of '98—Thomas O'Donnell, president; Edith Dempsey, vice president; Ardell Roper, secretary; Fred Gorman, treasurer; Dennis Murphy, sergt.-at-arms.

Class of '99—John J. Rogers, president; Edith Richardson, vice president; Dana B. Whipple, treasurer; Florence Gray, secretary; Ralph Bean, sergt.-at-arms.

Class of '00—Frederic Russell, president; Joshua Herrick, vice president; Leslie Adams, second vice president; Arthur Lovejoy, treasurer; Anna Coughlin, secretary; Frank O'Sullivan, sergt.-at-arms.

Class of '01—Carlton Staples, president; William Spalding, vice president; Lucia Johnson, second vice president; Grace Pearson, secretary; Francis Jantzen, treasurer; Harry McCue, sergeant-at-arms; Burnett Sweatt, assistant sergt.-at-arms.

Class of '02—Townsend Hill, president; Stephen Kearney, vice president; Ruth Wilder, second vice president; Helen H. Stearns, secretary; Harry W. Coburn, Jr., treasurer; Philip Garrigan, asst. sergt.-at-arms.

Class of '03—John Mather, president; Eleonore Rivet, vice president; Rachel Flint, secretary; Ralph Sanders, treasurer; Henry Packer, sergt.-at-arms.

Class of '04—Melvin Master, president; Ruth Bailey, vice president; Margaret Teague, second vice president, Margaret Snow, secretary; Carl Bicknell, treasurer; Thomas Varnum, sergt.-at-arms; George Coburn, asst. sergt.-at-arms.

FRANKLIN DEBATING CLUB.

The Benjamin Franklin Debating club held its regular meeting last night and considerable business of importance was transacted. The committee on arrangements for the public debate to be held at the First Trinitarian church next month reported that all arrangements were complete, and that the subject would be: "Resolved, that immigration is detrimental to the United States." The Franklin Debating club upholding the affirmative side, the Solon Stevens Debating club upholding the negative. The literary exercises of the evening consisted of a debate. Three members of the club debating against the three members that are to debate on Jan. 7.

Officer Joseph Lamoureaux is on the sick list.

DREW SEATS

NEW CITY COUNCIL ASSIGNED TO PLACES.

The new city council attended city hall last evening and drew seats for the incoming year. Several candidates for offices in the gift of the city council were on hand to get acquainted.

The seats in the board of aldermen were drawn as follows: Alderman Gallagher, 1; Alderman Carmichael, 2; Alderman Taylor, 3; Alderman Gerow, 4; Alderman Hill, 5; Alderman Miskella, 6; Alderman Fairweather, 7; Alderman Wilson, 8; and Alderman Grant, 9. Aldermen Gerow and Wilson were not in attendance and their seats were drawn respectively by Messrs. Fairweather and Grant.

The seats in the lower branch were drawn as follows: Councilmen Dodge, 1; Cosgrove, 2; Barry, 3; W. J. Hayes, 4; J. J. Hayes, 5; McLaughlin, 6; Cronan, 7; Donohoe, 8; Quinn, 9; Peterson, 10; Blake, 11; Connors, 12; (no number 13); Baldwin, 14; Crosby, 15; Welch, 16; Cheney, 17; Worcester, 18; Braden, 19; May, 20; McIntyre, 21; Fleming, 22; James H. Fleming, 23; Palm, 24; J. Mahoney, 25; McAloon, 26.

After the drawing several swaps were made.

After the drawing the republican members of the board of aldermen held a conference and there was much speculation as to the topics discussed. It was the general impression that the chairmanship of the board was the principal matter discussed.

NEW YORK CITY

PREPARING TO BID FOR THE CONVENTION.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—A mass meeting of citizens was held here yesterday to form an organization, the purpose of which is to try to secure the democratic national convention for New York in 1904.

President Charles V. Fornes of the board of aldermen said that any understanding that the meeting had been called by him was a misapprehension and declined to preside as chairman. Remarks favoring New York as the place for the convention were made and the assistance of the Merchants' association in a non-partisan way was pledged, after which the meeting adjourned subject to the call of J. Edward Simmons, who it is said, had agreed to act as treasurer of the funds to be raised.

CONCERT AND BALL

UNDER AUSPICES OF MERRIMACK LODGE.

The second annual concert and ball of Merrimack lodge, No. 266, I. O. B. A. was held last night at Highland hall and was a very successful affair. About five hundred were present, including a number from Boston, Lawrence, Haverhill and Nashua. Music was furnished by Hibbard's orchestra.

During the early part of the evening a fine musical and literary program was given, and after a brief intermission the grand march, the most brilliant feature of the evening, was announced. The long line of couples was led by Mr. and Mrs. Dunn, followed by Mr. and Mrs. Goldenberg, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kaplan, Mr. and Mrs. Silverblatt, Mr. M. and Miss F. Goldenberg, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Walsh and others.

Coffee and cake was served by a committee consisting of Mesdames P. Goldenberg, H. Rosenbloom, J. Dunn, Max Goldenberg, E. Gerson and D. Siskind.

The officers of the affair follow: Floor director, Joseph Dunn; assistant floor director, Max Goldenberg, and a number of aids; reception committee, H. Rosenbloom, H. Herman, S. Goldenberg.

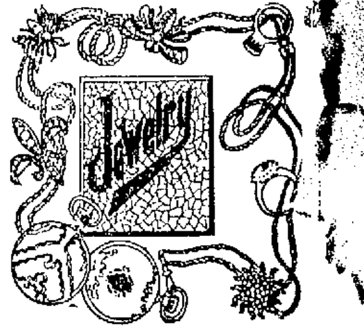
The officers of the lodge are: President, D. Siskind; vice-president, A. S. Gerson; treasurer, M. Goldenberg; secretary, M. Freedman.

CHESS CONTESTS

HARVARD FIRST AND YALE SECOND.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The Harvard chess team won the quadrangular inter-collegiate tournament yesterday with a record of nine games won and three lost. Yale, beaten by Harvard two and a half to one and a half yesterday, was second, with seven won and five lost. Columbia took three games from Princeton and went into third place with 4½ won and 7½ lost.

Princeton was last with 3½ won and 8½ lost.



Time was when the jeweler's stock was much the same all the year round. Now there are fashions and fads as in other lines. We make it our business to keep abreast or ahead of such changes and secure the best and latest designs in WATCHES, CHAINS, PINS and jewelry of every description. Our stock forms an interesting exhibit and we cordially invite you to inspect it. We shall let the goods urge to buy.

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IN BOTTLES
25c, 45c, 85c
For Sale by
C. B. COBURN & CO.
63 Market St.

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EVERYBODY **WAIT** FOR THE

PARTHENAIS ASSIGNEE SALE

Upper Merrimack Street, Just Above Tilden Street

No attempt is made to outdo others in this business announcement in the use of adjectives or figures, that really mean nothing. It takes but few words to tell the story—A complete stock of goods in one of the most attractive and orderly stores in Lowell must be turned to money.

HEART TO HEART TALK

TO THE PURCHASING PUBLIC OF LOWELL AND VICINITY:

In the effort to do our full duty in the interest of Parthenais Bros.' creditors, we desire to press before the public just what the prospective Assignees' Sale means. We will try:

1st. Parthenais Bros., one of the best known Clothing Houses in Lowell, one week ago, after a struggle of weeks, were obliged to announce to creditors, their inability to pay their bills.

2d. Parthenais Bros. then assigned. That is, they made over all their property to the Assignees named below, with the understanding that these two Assignees being acceptable to creditors, should take such steps as to disposal of all property as would yield best results to creditors. Such a step is taken that all creditors may be protected.

3d. So much done. What remains to do is quickly told and will be quickly done. The creditor's one pre-eminent interest is to get their money. All if they can—a good part anyway. First the heavy stock of men and women's clothing, underwear, boots, shoes, hats, caps, trunks, bags, furnishings, must be inventoried. This we believe by employing a large force can be done in four days and nights. It must be done in that time. This will bring us to Friday morning. Then at 9 o'clock, with an adequate force of clerks, competent to converse with any and all the nationalities in the city, with sufficient police aid to keep things moving swiftly and orderly, we shall sell this tremendous stock.

4th. Understand the plain United States of this situation. The representatives of the creditors of Parthenais, are for the time being in actual possession of every piece of this stock. It is the creditor's sale. The creditors have no use for the goods for the reason there is no way of equitable distribution. The money is what they must have, for money is the only medium by which each may receive his part. So we sell. It is useless to speak of prices. The goods will be marked to sell. To sell quick. All concerned in sale have their own business affairs to look after, so that the sale must necessarily be a rush. Time is money with us. Come to sale expecting something not in the line with the ordinary lady's shopping--but come, we shall make every effort to keep things moving, but always in order.

5th. One word more. We doubt if ever before the man or woman "hard-up" in Lowell or vicinity, ever had the opportunity to make good money go so far as they will in this sale. We hope they never will again, for such chances come with hard times. Remember too that the goods are of high character. It is the normal stock of the Parthenais Bros., and you know their reputation has always been "good goods." The worst of the winter is yet to come and it is reasonable to expect winters hereafter in regular succession. NOW you can buy for future needs, summer or winter. There is no excuse of any human being lacking wearing apparel hereabout on account of "high cost of living." Go to the sale. If you can't get in Friday, go Saturday. If you can't squeeze in Saturday, try again Monday. You can't fail to find abundance that you need, if not at the opening, then later.

Come! Bring your relatives and friends, but leave the children at home.

CHARLES L. KNAPP,
GEORGE W. RAY,
Assignees.

Not an "Annual January Mark-Down Sale"--Not a "Clearance Sale"

But a peremptory sale of goods following business failure—of a stock of goods equalled in size in Lowell in few instances—in quality not surpassed by any. Sold in the midst of the most depressing period in Lowell's history. Sold at the very worst time of year. Such are the conditions. The prices must be made to meet the conditions.

Tomorrow Morning at 9 o'clock

DON'T BE KEPT AWAY FOR FEAR OF A CRUSH

Police Protection Will be Always Present. If You Fail to Get in the First Day, Come Again

COME! COME! COME!

CHICAGO HORROR

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employer in caring for the wants of the public. Wages are to have no consideration.

(Signed) "ALBERT YOUNG."

BOTH DERANGED.

Shortly after the alarm of fire had been turned in Miss Irene Humphrey, a member of the Bluebeard company, escaped from the theatre in her stage costume. A cousin of Miss Humphrey, Helen Wall, ran from the theatre by another direction at the same time. Each of the women thought that her cousin had been injured or killed in the fire and frantically cried to be permitted to return to the theatre. Before either could learn of the other's safety both became temporarily deranged. They were taken to the Saratoga hotel and although both are still prostrated, neither of them received serious injuries. They were from New York and had not been separated since the company left that city.

MADE THEIR ESCAPE.

Two of the first persons that succeeded in getting out of the tomb of fire and death were little Joe Graham, 12 years old, and Dorothy Bour, a companion of the same age, from Woodland park. Youthful grit saved them. They were seated in the parquette 10 rows back from the stage.

"When Eddie Foy stepped to the front of the stage and told us to keep still we decided we could get out despite his assurances that there was no danger," said the boy. "Four women fainted near me and nearly all the others seemed dazed and just sat still. We got up and kicked one of the doors open. I think a lot of the others in the theatre could have come, too, if they had not been so scared. When we got outside we waited until they brought a dead man out and then we started for home."

PLAYMATES SEPARATED.

The fire separated two little girls who had been playmates for life. One of them escaped unhurt and ran to her father's office nearby, where an hour later she accompanied him to the morgue, where her little playmate had been taken. The one who was saved was the daughter of Harry Parker, superintendent of the Plamondon Manufacturing company, while her companion who was knocked down and trampled on and killed was the daughter of W. R. Davis, head foreman of the same company. The girls had been at the theatre together and when the cry of fire sounded they began to make their way toward the exits on the main floor. Hand in hand they struggled with the crowd until a man whom the Parker girl describes as weighing 200 pounds, dashed between them. This separated them and the Davis girl was lost in the crowd and killed.

NOT FIRST FIRE.

Stage hands of the theatre said today that the fire of today was the second which had occurred in the theatre since its opening, something over a month ago.

Three weeks ago last Sunday they declared fire broke out in the dressing room underneath the stage, but it was extinguished without coming to the knowledge of the audience. Slight damage was done to several dressing rooms and a number of costumes were destroyed before the flames were extinguished. The fire department was not called and no report of the blaze was made to the city authorities.

Never was there a busier night in Chicago than last. All night long hundreds of people were going between the police station and the hospitals and the morgue first to one and then the other, then back again seeking news of missing friends and relatives and trying to identify the dead.

At the central police station within one and one-half squares from the theatre a dozen policemen were kept busy all night taking names and descriptions of missing people. In the squad room of the station the lists of injured received from hospitals and from police stations were read to the crowd. The throngs were silent while the names were read except for an occasional outbreak of sobbing as someone recognized in the description, the injury or death, the name of a friend or relative.

The hospitals were all night long besieged by callers and eager questioners over the telephone. In spite of all this, the work of identification went on but slowly and at 2 o'clock this morning approximately one-fifth of the bodies lying in the rooms of down town undertakers had been recognized by their friends.

PROPRIETORS' STATEMENT.

Will J. Davis and Harry J. Powers, proprietors of the Iroquois theatre, made the following statement:

"So far as we have been able to ascertain as to the cause or causes of the most unfortunate accident of the fire in the Iroquois, it appears that one of the scenic draperies was noticed to have ignited from some cause. It was detected before it had reached an appreciable flame. The city fireman who is detailed and constantly on duty when the theatre is open, noticed it at the same time as the electrician. The fireman, who was only a few feet away, immediately pulled a tube of kilfyre, of which there were many hung about the stage, and threw the contents upon the blaze, which would have been more than enough if the kilfyre had been effective, to have extinguished the flame at once, but for some cause inherent in the tube of kilfyre it had no effect. The fireman and electrician then ordered the asbestos curtain down and the fireman threw the contents of another tube of kilfyre upon the blaze, with no better result. The commotion thus caused excited the alarm of the audience, who immediately started for the exits, of which there were 25, of unusual width, all opening out and ready to the hand of any one reaching them. The draft thus caused, it is believed, had before the curtain could be entirely lowered, produced a bellying of the asbestos curtain, causing a pressure on the guides against the solid brick wall of the proscenium, thus stopping its descent. Every effort was made by those on the stage to pull it down but the draft was so great, it seemed that the pressure against the proscenium wall and the friction caused thereby was so strong that they could not be overcome. The audience became panic stricken in their efforts to reach the exits and tripped and fell over each other and blocked the way. The audience was promptly admonished and importuned by persons employed on the stage and in the auditorium to be calm and avoid any rush, that the exits and facilities for emptying the theatre were ample to enable them to all get out without confusion. No expense or precaution was omitted to make the theatre as fireproof as it could be made, there being nothing combustible in the construction of the house except the trimmings and furnishings of the stage and auditorium. In the building of the theatre was sacrificed more space to aisles and exits than any theatre in America. The Iroquois theatre disaster was vastly more destructive to human life than any other playhouse fire in the history of the United States. The fire next to it in point of lives lost, occurred Dec. 6, 1876, in Conway's Brooklyn theatre, Brooklyn, N. Y., where 295 of the audience perished in the flames. The day after Christmas in 1881 while the play "The Bleeding Nun," was being performed in a theatre at Richmond, Va., a fire started that burned 75 persons to death, among them being the governor of the State, George W. Smith.

Occasional panics have occurred from time to time in Chicago theatres, started by false alarms in the theatre or by fire scares, but they had no loss of life.

In the great Chicago fire of 1871 the largest conflagration of modern times, in which 2124 acres were devastated, only 200 lives were lost so far as the most reliable information shows.

We Wish You All A Happy and Prosperous New Year

And thank you most heartily for your generous patronage the past year.

A. E. O'HEIR & CO.

IDENTIFYING THE BODIES.

At 2 o'clock this morning, the men in the various undertaking establishments to which the dead had been taken had managed to arrange the bodies in something like order and the work of identification was greatly facilitated and moved with greater rapidity after daylight when more people visited the morgues.

At Rolstons place at 22 Adams street 183 bodies were laid upon tables and floors, and when the police at about 2 o'clock opened their lines to allow the throng to enter, it required all their strength to stem the pressure that was brough to bear upon them as hundreds of people frantic with anxiety strove to be the first to enter the grewsome undertaking rooms. Scores of women fainted before they had gone a dozen steps, while men wholly unstrung staggered as they walked down the aisles and soon had to be assisted from the place by the police. The blankets were removed and the bodies were huddled in long lines on the floors. Thirty deep they lay in furrows, their ghastliness brought out by the glare of the electric lights. Here lay a gray-haired man, his features recognizable and the smoky pallor of his face showing a death from smoke suffocation. Nearby was the body of a child in Fauntleroy costume, his golden curls in vivid contrast to the scarlet color of his face from which every particle of the skin had been torn. His cheeks bore plainly the mark of boot heels, his chest was crushed and it was only too evident that his life had gone out under the heels of the frenzied throng around the doorways. There were dozens of bodies of young women and girls from 18 to 23 years of age. Many of them were elegantly dressed and their clothing or some trinket found will be the only guide to those who know them for their faces have been literally trampled into an unrecognizable mass. Some of the bodies were stripped entirely of clothing and with distorted limbs and mangled and charred features were seen in all their horror. In one respect they were alike. The left arm of nearly very victim was held stiff to the side while the right hand was outstretched as if warding off peril.

At Jordan's on Madison street the dead numbered 139. They were stretched upon the carpets of the little chapel and on the bare floors of the morgue below. The scene here varied only in minor details from the ghastliness seen under the electric lights at Rolstons.

To Sheldon's on West Madison street 41 dead were taken. At Carroll's Wells street, 47; at Gavin's, North Clark street, 49; at Buffum's, on Wabash avenue, 61, and at Perrigo's on State street, 29. Other morgues scattered throughout the city, received smaller numbers. At the county morgue 19 bodies had been received. Of these ten men and two little girls were identified.

PREPARING FOR INQUESTS.

Preparations were made at the morgues for the inquests which will begin today.

Many days will be spent in the inquiry into the fire and several juries will be empanelled in order to expedite matters. Each body has been numbered and the marks of identification placed in an envelope with a corresponding number, and in many cases a bit of scorched ribbon or a trinket may be the only means of establishing identity.

THOROUGH INVESTIGATION.

"We will make every effort to sift this matter to the bottom," said Coroner Traeger this morning. "Someone must be to blame and the fault will be placed where it belongs. If the undertakers are unable to care for all the bodies I will issue orders to throw open some hall where the dead may be placed to await identification."

All night long the crowds came and went around the morgues. There were the heads of families, brothers, sisters and men and women looking for those from outside cities who had been their guests. For hours they passed up and down before the long rows of the dead, searching for the faces of their missing.

SEARCH FOR CHILDREN.

All night long search was kept up for Mary Dorothy Gartz, 12 years old, and Barbara Gartz, four years old, who attended the theatre with their aunt, Mrs. Adelaide Hoptfelt. Today their bodies had not been found and there seemed to be no doubt that the children have perished. They are the daughters of A. F. Gartz, and the nieces of R. T. Crane, the millionaire manufacturer of this city.

Mrs. Hoptfelt was taken from the theatre severely burned about the head and shoulders. The children are believed to have been caught in the crush coming down from the balcony and to have been trampled to death on the stairease leading to the main floor.

Walter Zeisler, 17 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Zimund Zeisler, is among the missing. He is a nephew of Fannie Bloomfield Zeisler, the pianist.

WHOLE PARTY MISSING.

A party consisting of Mrs. Lucy Gartz, her two children, Frank, 10 years, and Willie, 6 years of age; Harriet Wolfe, 10 years old, daughter of Ludwick Wolfe, a millionaire business man, and Miss Burke, a dressmaker, is missing. Mr. Wolfe's entire family searched all night through the hospitals and morgues but failed to find a trace of any member of the party.

Graeme Stewart, republican national committeeman from Illinois, spent the entire night hunting for Mrs. F. H. Fox of Winnetka, Ill., and her three children. Mrs. Fox is the daughter of W. M. Hoyt, who was president of the W. M. Hoyt Grocery Co., one of the wealthiest concerns of the kind in the west. Mrs. Fox was taken home but none of her children was found.

Mr. Stewart said the handkerchief of Hoyt Fox, 12 years old, has been found in the pockets of a suit upon the body of a boy at Rolstons morgue. There is no doubt that it is the boy although the features cannot be identified.

There was a pathetic scene at Rolstons morgue when the body of John Van Ingen, 18 years old, of Kenosha, Wis., was identified. Friends of the Van Ingen family had spent many hours searching at the request of Mr. and Mrs. Van Ingen, who were injured. Today four of the Van Ingen children who were believed to have perished in the fire had not been accounted for. They are: Grace, two years old; Dotty, 5 years; Mary, 10, and Edward, 20 years old.

A SAD SCENE.

One of the saddest of the many scenes enacted in Thompson's restaurant near the theatre, where many of the dead and wounded were taken after the fire, was the search by a party of priests and nuns, headed by the Rev. J. L. Holtinger of Ontonagon, Mich., for Edith Horten and her sister, two young girls who in company with one of the convent sisters had attended the performance. The body of Edith Horten was found in the restaurant, many of the nuns breaking down and weeping bitterly at the sight. The other Horten girl and the sister who accompanied them were not found.

Charles Dexter of the Boston baseball club, and Frank Hauseman, the old Chicago second baseman, with their families occupied a box. Both claim that but for the presence of mind of Eddie Foy the death roll would have been doubled.

When the panic began Dexter and Hauseman each made for and manned a door leading into the alley on the north side of the theatre. The people in the balconies had already commenced to jump to the ground floor when Hauseman and Dexter forced open their doors and they were compelled to lift away the maimed and the dead in order to permit of exits from the ground floor.

Hauseman having escorted his party out took a position at his door and kept it from choking up by assisting people through. Finally forced away by the flames, Hauseman got into the alley just in time to hear the agonized voice of a woman from the window in an upper gallery shrieking "Catch me." As the woman screamed she jumped and Hauseman catching her to the best of his ability broke her fall to the ground and she walked away uninjured.

WHOLE FAMILY DEAD.

Clinton G. Meeker, a clerk in the registry division of the post office, living in the suburb of Irving Park, has probably lost in the fire his entire family, consisting of his wife, two daughters and two sons.

A friend called Mr. Meeker up on the telephone at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and asked him if any of his family had gone to the theatre. He answered that so far as he knew none of them had left home. When he reached the house, however, he found only his mother-in-law there. "Where are Mabel and the children?" he asked.

"They have gone to the Iroquois theatre," was the reply.

"I dropped right down on my knees," said Mr. Meeker, "and prayed that God might spare them."

Today Mr. Meeker had partially identified the bodies of his wife and two daughters. He failed to find any trace of his two sons.

NEGLIGENCE CHARGED.

Among many of the theatrical men employed in the other Chicago theatres, the responsibility for the fire was ascribed today to the careless placing of electric arc light apparatus too close to one of the hanging borders of the scenery. The electrician of a leading Chicago theatre expressed great surprise on hearing that this was considered a possible cause of the fire.

"There would never have been any fire," he said, "if proper care had been exercised in handling the lights. The electric plant of the theatre was installed, as I happen to know, from personal observation, in accordance with every modern requirement for safety. The plant was not to blame. If the facts I have been given are correct, the whole blame rests on the person who placed or was operating a light so closely to the curtain.

PARTIAL LIST OF DEAD.

Following is a partial list of the dead:

HORTENSE LANG, 16.

IRENE LANG, 11, sister of above.

E. A. WILSON.

MRS. W. T. MARSH.

MISS GLADYS STREITON, Alphena, Mich.

LOUISE BUSHNELL.

MRS. A. LAKE, 38, identified at morgue.

MISS A. DONALDSON, 18 years old.

J. RATTLEY, died at hospital.

Before death he spoke of two boys who had been with him. Boys thought to have perished.

MRS. PATRICK O'DONNELL, wife of President O'Donnell of Duer Brewing company.

OTTO WALLMAN.

R. H. COULTS.

MISS D. HOWARD.

MISS ROSS, daughter of Dr. Ross.

EDITH NORTON.

HELEN McCANGHAN with party of several High school girls in balcony.

MRS. F. A. MORRILL.

MRS. A. SULLIVAN.

MRS. MINWEGAN, wife of Alderman Minwegan.

MRS. HAUERBAUGH.

C. W. FORBUSH and family.

ANNA STERLING.

Three men employed among flies on stage, names unknown.

FLORLINE, a German aerial performer, died in ambulance.

ETHEL BLACKMAN, 13.

MRS. CAVANAUGH.

Unknown boy, 8 years old.

Two unknown women met death jumping from fire escape while their garments were aflame.

LOUIS BUCHRAY.

MARIE WALSH, 15.

MRS. JAMES D. MALONEY.

MISS SPENCER.

ETHEL JONES, daughter of S. P. Jones, attended the theatre with brothers and sisters, two of whom are missing and three accounted for. It was reported at Vaughn's seed store, where the body of Miss Jones was taken, that the mother, an invalid, dropped dead when she received the news of her daughter's death.

MRS. KING, wife of John C. King, the attorney.

LILLIAN PHILLIPSON, six years, identification uncertain.

Boy, 17 years of age, lived at Lafayette, Ind.

MRS. FOREMAN.

WILLIAM BATTLEY, died hospital.

J. C. JOHNSON, died in hospital.

WILLIAM REED, lawyer, Waukegan, Ill.

HOYT FOX, body at morgue.

MRS. L. R. BUTLER.

S. WARDMAN.

EDMUND M. MORTON, agent Wagner Electric Manufacturing Co., St. Louis.

— NEWBY.

J. A. COCKEMS.

MRS. STERN.

H. DONALDSON.

THE REV. HOWARD STUDLEY, pastor of All Strangers' church.

MISS J. H DODD of Delaware, O.

MISS V. DELEE, daughter of late lieutenant of police.

W. W. HOOPER, Kenosa, Wis.

Five children of H. S. Van Ingen of Kenosha (probable). Father became separated from them and is among the injured.

MILDRED MERRIAM of Ohio, rescued by father, but died on reaching the street.

BERNICE BALLEY.

A. M. MANDEL.

C. A. WINSLOW, commercial traveller of Three Rivers, Minn.

BURR SCOTT.

FORNETTA PETERSON.

HARVEY KIELEY, St. Louis.

THOMAS COUTELL.

EMPERLY HALL.

THOMAS F. FLANAGAN, Indianapolis, Ind.

MRS. M. A. HENRY.

ROSE K. RODGERS.

H. P. MOORE.

C. L. COOPER.

MAY CURRAN.

"MARTIN," a boy of 15.

E. R. WILLIAMS.

B. REGANBERG.

ELLA LINDEN.

— HENDING, a boy.

WALTER B. EISLER.

— NUIR, member travelling passenger agents' association, carried check No. 13,231.

MRS. EMMA BRINKLEY.

RICHARD and ALLEN HOLST.

HAROLD MARTIN, Pullman, Ill.

JOHN HOLLAND.

LULU SHARBARD.

W. D. SPRANG.

CHARLES H. NOLL.

MRS. DAWSON.

— WHITEFOX, a boy.

WILLIAM BUTL.

ROBERT MARTIN, son of Principal Martin of Pullman school.

JOHN VAN IGNE, Kenosha, Wis.

WALTER BESSINGER, died at hospital.

MARGARET BUERMAN, died at hospital.

MRS. LEO WOLFE, Hammond, Ind., died at hospital.

ALICE KAUSMAN, died at hospital.

HELEN HOWARD, died at hospital.

HELEN COOPER, died at hospital.

B. E. GOULD, died at hospital.

MORTIMER ELDRIDGE.

HELEN BEYERSSLOTH, Evanston, Ill.

REV. HENRY L. RICHARDSON.

LOUIS KASNER and wife, said to have belonged to "Bluebeard" company.

REV. GEORGE H. DUDLEY, pastor of All Saints' Episcopal church.

WALTER B. ZEISLER, son of Dr. Zeisler of the University of Chicago.

LESTER DOTEY, son of L. H. Dotey of Illinois Steel company.

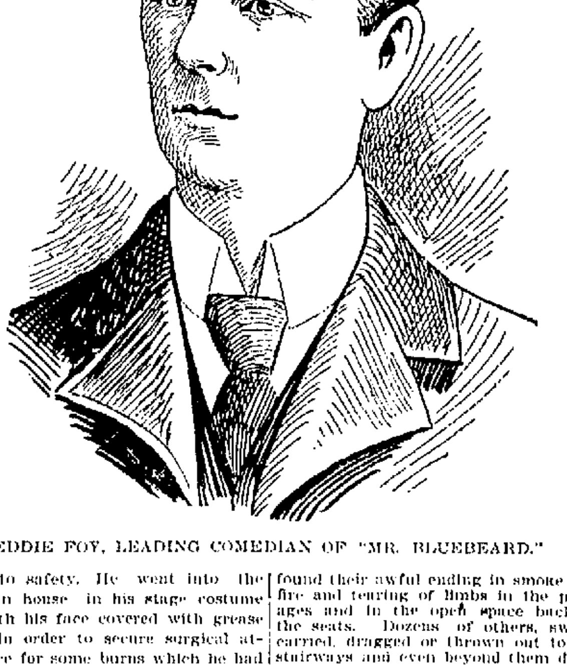
MRS. A. M. MENDEL, wife of a retired banker.

WALTER D. AUSTRAN, aged 11, son of Joseph D. Austran, president of the Lake Michigan Transportation company.

COMEDIAN FOY

TELLS THE STORY OF THE DISASTER.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Eddie Foy, principal comedian in the play, was one of the last to escape by getting out through a rear door after assisting the women members of the company to safety. He went into the Sherman house in his stage costume and with his face covered with grease paint, in order to secure surgical attendance for some burns which he had sustained.



EDDIE FOY, LEADING COMEDIAN OF "MR. BLUEBEARD."

In describing the commencement of the fire, Foy attributed the extent of the catastrophe to the failure of the fireproof curtains to work properly. Because of this, he said the flames readily obtained access to the main part of the theatre and by the draft, carrying with it gas as well as fire, were swept up to the two balconies where the loss of life was greatest.

"The fire began in the middle of the second act," said Mr. Foy. "An electric wire broke, was grounded, and from this the flames were started in the rear of the stage. The stage is unusually wide and there was so great a draft the flames spread rapidly. They soon had attacked all the scenery in the rear of the house. I never believed it possible for fire to spread so quickly. When it first started I went to the footlights and, to prevent alarming the audience, I said that there was a slight blaze and that it would be better for all to leave quietly.

HOW THE COMPANY WAS SAVED.

"Then I stepped back and called for the asbestos curtain to be lowered. [illegible] when about half way down, refused to go further and thus an additional draft was created. This doomed [illegible] flames out into the auditorium.

"I hurried [illegible] knew the theatre was [illegible] ed in getting the company on the stage and aid[illegible] of them were in [illegible] men members of [illegible] and were almost [illegible] alley. Some before they could [illegible] gasping [illegible] rooms stage and to the doors [illegible] by smoke.

"The simple fact that th[illegible] not descend entirely was [illegible] to the the lives of the company, alth[illegible] caused such a horrible catastro[illegible] the front of the house. After [illegible] curtain had refused to descend th[illegible] came the explosion of the gas tanks and with the curtain down all the fire and gas would have been confined between the rear wall of the theatre and the fireproof curtain in front. Under these circumstances it would not have been possible for a single member of the company to escape alive unless he or she had been standing immediately in front of the door leading into the alley. As it was, the draft carried all the gas and fire out before the curtain and the company was saved although their salvation was the death of so many poor people in front."

NEXT TO THE CHICAGO FIRE.

Rarely in the history of Chicago has its people been so stirred as by the calamity of yesterday. It is next to the Chicago fire, the greatest catastrophe that has ever occurred here, and the speed with which it came and went seemed for a brief period to appal the business section of the city. The news spread with great rapidity and in a short time hundreds of men, women and children were rushing toward the theatre.

The building in which the calamity occurred stands midway between State and Dearborn streets on the north side of Randolph street.

Although every available policeman within call of the department was immediately hurried to the spot and the men placed in lines at the end of the block, allowing nobody to enter Randolph street from either Dearborn or State, it was found for a time almost impossible to hold back the frenzied crowd that pressed forward, many of them having friends or relatives in the theatre and anxious to learn something of them.

The conduct of the police was beyond all praise. The officers held their ground firmly, and gently pushed back all those who sought to gain an entrance to the theatre, although in some instances frantic men, anxious to look for their loved ones, actually beat the officers with their fists in their rage at being prevented.

CARRIED OUT EIGHT WOMEN.

In spite of the efforts of the police, however, a large number of people succeeded in breaking through their lines and entering the theatre, and in many cases did heroic work in rescuing the injured and carrying out the dead. Among these was ex-Alderman Wm. H. Thompson, who, unaided, carried to the street the bodies of eight women. The first newspaper men upon the ground also carried out many of the dead and injured.

HOW THEY DIED

PEOPLE SUFFOCATED IN THEIR SEATS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—The classic interior of the theatre, the beautiful plush hangings, the arched windows with their stained glass, the stately pillars became a morgue five minutes after the first little ribbon of flame made its way along the stage. Women and girls in the gallery never had a chance for life. They met the end still seated in their theatre chairs, their poor impotent hands burnt into one cinder with the sides of the seats they had grasped when the panic came.

Others who had managed by the strength of terror to get into the aisles found their awful ending in smoke and fire and tearing of limbs in the passages and in the open space back of the seats. Dozens of others, swept, carried, dragged or thrown out to the stairways and even beyond them down to the landings in actual sight of day light that streamed through the big front doors, in sight of the throngs outside, the fire wagons and the smoking horses, died in great masses, seven and eight feet high, bodies mingled fearfully together, clothing burnt off and faces in their last agonies, all turned toward the doors they could not reach.

EDDIE FOY

TRIED TO QUIET MADDENED PEOPLE.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—The fearful theatre horror was marked by many dramatic features. With death all about him, Eddie Foy, the chief comedian of the company, stood out from the panic-stricken group on the stage and assured the audience there was no danger. The one heroic member of the orchestra that had not fled sat manfully at his task, sawing at his violin for dear life in an effort to drown the screams of the women.

Even as Foy assured the people there was no danger, the great asbestos curtain was let down, caught on one side and failed to work. In another instant smoke burst from the top arch of the stage and from under the bottom of the curtain. Before a man or woman could rise the whole roof of the auditorium was ablaze. Two gas tanks had exploded in the flies on the east side of the theatre, and black, choking fumes bent down in a cloud of death from every wall.

WEDDING GUEST

WM. McLAUGHLIN, NEPHEW OF DR. GUNSAULUS, A VICTIM.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—William McLaughlin, nephew of Mrs. Frank W. Gunsaulus, [illegible] which [illegible] the home [illegible] had come to Chicago [illegible] 2618 Prairie [illegible] wedding of Miss Martha [illegible] victims of [illegible] Henry H. Scheuler, McLaughlin [illegible] this evening at theatre in a [illegible] Gunsaulus, [illegible] pired at the Presby[illegible] one of the [illegible] was the only son of [illegible] McLaughlin, who moved [illegible] America eight years ago [illegible] been making their home [illegible] Ayres, but their son, who was [illegible] old recently returned to the States to attend the Ohio Wesleyan college at Delaware, O. He had come to Chicago to spend the holidays with Dr. and Mrs. Gunsaulus and to be in attendance at the wedding of his cousin.

Invitations to the wedding have been recalled, and instead of the home celebration originally planned, Dr. Gunsaulus will perform the ceremony in the presence of the family.

DEAD ROBBED

RIGHT UNDER EYES OF THE POLICE.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31—Ghouls, mingling with those who were risking their lives in the cause of humanity, robbed the bodies right and left.

Two men were caught with their pockets bulging with pocketbooks, rings and other valuables. The articles were taken from them by the police and they were allowed to go.

The police themselves gathered up valuable furs, pocketbooks and many articles of value, which were taken to the station.

In neighboring stores, where the dead and injured were carried, drawers were filled with money and valuables taken from the bodies.

There was little attempt on the part of the police to keep any track of the property taken, and men were seen going along the streets robbing the bodies that were lying on the sidewalks under the very eyes of the officers.

SEVERAL BENEFITS

TO BE GIVEN FOR THE CHICAGO FIRE SUFFERERS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The news of the Chicago disaster was followed in New York by the announcement of several benefits for the fire sufferers. S. S. Shubert immediately telegraphed his manager in Chicago to devote the receipts of Wednesday's matinee to the sufferers and announced that the proceeds of Wednesday's matinee of "Winsome Winnie" now here would be devoted to the same cause. The "Red Feather" company will also give a benefit. A number of other managers are considering similar liberal acts.

Al Hayman, Marcus Klaw and Abram Erlanger, the leading members of the theatrical syndicate, who own large interests in the Iroquois theatre, sat in their offices in the New Amsterdam theatre until after midnight eagerly awaiting the telegrams from their Chicago representatives. They were horrified at and bewildered by the numerous reports. Klaw and Erlanger own "Mr. Bluebeard." Their representative said it cost $85,000 to produce it here. About 250 people were with the production on the road tour.

The present "Mr. Bluebeard" company began its tour at Pittsburg Sept. 28.

STRIKING DRIVERS

HAVE DECLARED A TRUCE FOR TEN DAYS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31. Stunned by the Iroquois theatre disaster the striking livery stable drivers and their employers have each made preparations to supply carriages to meet the emergency. The union leaders declared a truce for 10 days and offered to drive without compensation in the funerals of the victims.

President Albert Young of the union called the members together and talked over the situation. They unanimously agreed to declare a truce until after the funerals of the victims.

The livery owners have arranged for the putting out of every carriage in the city. Non-union drivers have been hired by the score and a notice was sent to every union driver to report for work this morning under the old terms of employment.

CHARTERED A TRAIN.

CLINTON, Ind., Dec. 31.—W. E. Dee of Chicago, a tile manufacturer with a factory at Mecca, Ind., 10 miles from here, heard of the Chicago theatre disaster by telephone last night. The list of missing contained the names of two members of his family. He instantly started for Chicago, 125 miles away. Jumping into a buggy he drove at top speed to Clinton where he chartered a switch engine and dashed on to Danville, Ill., 50 miles away. A special train had been ordered by telegraph and was waiting for him and at midnight he started for Chicago.

TRAIN DERAILED

Two Engineers and Fireman Dead

ASHTABULA, Ohio, Dec. 31.—Limited train No. 22, eastbound on the Lake Shore road, was derailed here today by an open switch, resulting in the death of three of the train crew and the injury of a fourth. No passengers were injured. The train was two hours late owing to the heavy snowstorm and was being hauled by two engines.

The dead:

— McINTOSH, engineer.

— SPRING, engineer.

— SPRINGBORN, fireman.

Injured:

[illegible]igley, fireman of Buffalo, not [illegible]

The [illegible]ain was made up as quick[illegible] tion of [illegible] and the passengers sent [illegible]

[illegible] MUSIC.

this week [illegible] nights with [illegible] plays for their [illegible] of Music. In order [illegible] population of this [illegible] French population at a large expense fortunate [illegible] Germaine Duverny [illegible] executive Montreal to give two of [illegible] at this popular playhouse. Which has just finished up the [illegible] starting with Lowell will play [illegible] centres of New England.

Tonight and tomorrow afternoon [illegible] evening the troupe will present "La [illegible] lense d'Enfants," or "The Kidnappers," which is a grand spectacular drama and one which is sure to please the people. The company consists of all stars and has been playing to crowded houses every place it has appeared.

Saturday afternoon and evening the program will be changed and Mme. Duverny and her artists will present "La Grace De Dieu," or "The Grace of God," which is a sensational drama. Vaudeville attractions will be introduced between the acts.

The seats are now on sale and the demand has been so great that those who wish to secure good seats should apply at the box office at once. While the company has been charging higher prices for seats, Manager Murphy has decided to sell seats at the regular prices.

THE CASTO THEATRE.

Mr. and Mrs. Perkins Fisher head the program at the Casto theatre this week and Ezra Kendall's quaint rural character sketch entitled "The Half-Way House" is one of the funniest and most enjoyable ever presented at this theatre. Green trading stamps are still given free at the Casto.

PERSONALS

Mrs. F. N. Legare gave a whist party yesterday afternoon at her home in Broadway for the benefit of the new crib at St. Joseph's church. The winners of the first two prizes, which had been donated by Mrs. Charles H. Boisvert and Mrs. J. H. Bergeron, were Mrs. Magloire Gionde and Mrs. Hormisdas Vallerand; second prizes, which were the gifts of Mrs. Hormisdas Vallerand and Mrs. Joseph Ducharme, went to Mrs. Maurice Lambert and Mrs. George Lebrun. Mrs. Stanislas Duff and Mrs. Desire Hebert carried off the boobies.

Solon W. Stevens was one of the speakers at the banquet of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge of Masons at Boston, Tuesday.

Mrs. L. L. Louto and Miss Sara Louto spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Louto's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sleeper of Newport, Vt.

Deputy Grand President J. A. Ball of this city will install the officers of Pacific lodge, A. F. H., of Lawrence, Jan. 11.

George B. Kittredge of this city has finished the stone work at Gallupville, and has gone to North Hoosick, N. Y. to take charge of the stone work for a large bridge there.

Mr. Charles N. Taylor, dyer at the Tremont & Suffolk mills, has handed in his resignation, to take effect Jan Mr. Taylor has been employed by the Tremont & Suffolk corporation for the past 12 years.

The Murray club of the First Universalist church met with the pastor, Rev. C. E. Fisher, at his residence, 7 Livingston avenue, last evening for the first meeting of the season.

TWO FRAUDS.

The merchant who would try to a pair of shoes without opening box in which they came from the factory, would be regarded as a fraud and a trickster, and the newspaper which denies to the advertiser all the information he desires in reference to its circulation, must not expect the confidence of its patrons.

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The Year's End Sale

To round off the year we just gathered under these few heads samples of the bargains awaiting you.

Men's $4.00 Hip Rubber Boots	Sale Price $3.00
Men's $3.50 Stub Proof Rubber Boots	Sale Price $2.49
Ladies' 50c Storm Rubbers	Sale Price 39c
Ladies' $1.00 Storm Overshoes, Boston	Sale Price 49c
Ladies' $1.00 Wool Leggins	Sale Price 69c
Boys' 60c Rubbers	Sale Price 42c
Child's 35c Rubbers	Sale Price 10c
Men's 75c Slippers	Sale Price 42c
Women's Slippers	69c, 49c and 39c a Pair

DOUBLE DARK BLUE AND RED, WHITE AND BLUE STAMPS ALL THIS WEEK.

J. J. Lonergan 225 Dutton Street

"All Things Come to Him Who Waits"

EVERYBODY **WAIT** FOR THE

PARTHENAIS ASSIGNEE SALE

Upper Merrimack Street, Just Above Tilden Street

No attempt is made to outdo others in this business announcement in the use of adjectives or figures, that really mean nothing. It takes but few words to tell the story—A complete stock of goods in one of the most attractive and orderly stores in Lowell must be turned to money.

HEART TO HEART TALK

TO THE PURCHASING PUBLIC OF LOWELL AND VICINITY:

In the effort to do our full duty in the interest of Parthenais Bros.' creditors, we desire to press before the public just what the prospective Assignees' Sale means. We will try:

1st. Parthenais Bros., one of the best known Clothing Houses in Lowell, one week ago, after a struggle of weeks, were obliged to announce to creditors, their inability to pay their bills.

2d. Parthenais Bros. then assigned. That is, they made over all their property to the Assignees named below, with the understanding that these two Assignees being acceptable to creditors, should take such steps as to disposal of all property as would yield best results to creditors. Such a step is taken that all creditors may be protected.

3d. So much done. What remains to do is quickly told and will be quickly done. The creditor's one pre-eminent interest is to get their money. All if they can—a good part anyway. First the heavy stock of men and women's clothing, underwear, boots, shoes, hats, caps, trunks, bags, furnishings, must be inventoried. This we believe by employing a large force can be done in four days and nights. It must be done in that time. This will bring us to Friday morning. Then at 9 o'clock, with an adequate force of clerks, competent to converse with any and all the nationalities in the city, with sufficient police aid to keep things moving swiftly and orderly, we shall sell this tremendous stock.

4th. Understand the plain United States of this situation. The representatives of the creditors of Parthenais, are for the time being in actual possession of every piece of this stock. It is the creditor's sale. The creditors have no use for the goods for the reason there is no way of equitable distribution. The money is what they must have, for money is the only medium by which each may receive his part. So we sell. It is useless to speak of prices. The goods will be marked to sell. To sell quick. All concerned in sale have their own business affairs to look after, so that the sale must necessarily be a rush. Time is money with us. Come to sale expecting something not in the line with the ordinary lady's shopping--but come, we shall make every effort to keep things moving, but always in order.

5th. One word more. We doubt if ever before the man or woman "hard-up" in Lowell or vicinity, ever had the opportunity to make good money go so far as they will in this sale. We hope they never will again, for such chances come with hard times. Remember too that the goods are of high character. It is the normal stock of the Parthenais Bros., and you know their reputation has always been "good goods." The worst of the winter is yet to come and it is reasonable to expect winters hereafter in regular succession. NOW you can buy for future needs, summer or winter. There is no excuse of any human being lacking wearing apparel hereabout on account of "high cost of living." Go to the sale. If you can't get in Friday, go Saturday. If you can't squeeze in Saturday, try again Monday. You can't fail to find abundance that you need, if not at the opening, then later.

Come! Bring your relatives and friends, but leave the children at home.

CHARLES L. KNAPP,
GEORGE W. RAY, Assignees.

Not an "Annual January Mark-Down Sale"--Not a "Clearance Sale"

But a peremptory sale of goods following business failure—of a stock of goods equalled in size in Lowell in few instances—in quality not surpassed by any. Sold in the midst of the most depressing period in Lowell's history. Sold at the very worst time of year. Such are the conditions. The prices must be made to meet the conditions.

Tomorrow Morning at 9 o'clock

DON'T BE KEPT AWAY FOR FEAR OF A CRUSH

Police Protection Will be Always Present. If You Fail to Get in the First Day, Come Again

COME! COME! COME!

CHICAGO HORROR

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employer in caring for the wants of the public. Wages are to have no consideration.

(Signed) "ALBERT YOUNG."

BOTH DERANGED.

Shortly after the alarm of fire had been turned in Miss Irene Humphrey, a member of the Bluebeard company, escaped from the theatre in her stage costume. A cousin of Miss Humphrey, Helen Wall, ran from the theatre by another direction at the same time. Each of the women thought that her cousin had been injured or killed in the fire and frantically cried to be permitted to return to the theatre. Before either could learn of the other's safety both became temporarily deranged. They were taken to the Saratoga hotel and although both are still prostrated, neither of them received serious injuries. They were from New York and had not been separated since the company left that city.

MADE THEIR ESCAPE.

Two of the first persons that succeeded in getting out of the tomb of fire and death were little Joe Graham, 12 years old, and Dorothy Bour, a companion of the same age, from Woodland park. Youthful grit saved them. They were seated in the parquette 10 rows back from the stage.

"When Eddie Foy stepped to the front of the stage and told us to keep still we decided we could get out despite his assurances that there was no danger," said the boy. "Four women fainted near me and nearly all the others seemed dazed and just sat still. We got up and kicked one of the doors open. I think a lot of the others in the theatre could have come, too, if they had not been so scared. When we got outside we waited until they brought a dead man out and then we started for home."

PLAYMATES SEPARATED.

The fire separated two little girls who had been playmates for life. One of them escaped unhurt and ran to her father's office nearby, where an hour later she accompanied him to the morgue, where her little playmate had been taken. The one who was saved was the daughter of Harry Parker, superintendent of the Plamondon Manufacturing company, while her companion who was knocked down and trampled on and killed was the daughter of W. R. Davis, head foreman of the same company. The girls had been at the theatre together and when the cry of fire sounded they began to make their way toward the exits on the main floor. Hand in hand they struggled with the crowd until a man whom the Parker girl describes as weighing 200 pounds, dashed between them. This separated them and the Davis girl was lost in the crowd and killed.

NOT FIRST FIRE.

Stage hands of the theatre said today that the fire of today was the second which had occurred in the theatre since its opening, something over a month ago. Three weeks ago last Sunday they declared fire broke out in the dressing room underneath the stage, but it was extinguished without coming to the knowledge of the audience. Slight damage was done to several dressing rooms and a number of costumes were destroyed before the flames were extinguished. The fire department was not called and no report of the blaze was made to the city authorities.

Never was there a busier night in Chicago than last. All night long hundreds of people were going between the police station and the hospitals and the morgue first to one and then the other, then back again seeking news of missing friends and relatives and trying to identify the dead.

At the central police station within one and one-half squares from the theatre a dozen policemen were kept busy all night taking names and descriptions of missing people. In the squad room of the station the lists of injured received from hospitals and from police stations were read to the crowd. The throngs were silent while the names were read except for an occasional outbreak of sobbing as someone recognized in the description, the injury or death, the name of a friend or relative.

The hospitals were all night long besieged by callers and eager questioners over the telephone. In spite of all this, the work of identification went on but slowly and at 2 o'clock this morning approximately one-fifth of the bodies lying in the rooms of down town undertakers had been recognized by their friends.

PROPRIETORS' STATEMENT.

Will J. Davis and Harry J. Powers, proprietors of the Iroquois theatre, made the following statement:

"So far as we have been able to ascertain as to the cause or causes of the most unfortunate accident of the fire in the Iroquois, it appears that one of the scenic draperies was noticed to have ignited from some cause. It was detected before it had reached an appreciable flame. The city fireman who is detailed and constantly on duty when the theatre is open, noticed it at the same time as the electrician. The fireman, who was only a few feet away, immediately pulled a tube of kilfyre, of which there were many hung about the stage, and threw the contents upon the blaze, which would have been more than enough if the kilfyre had been effective, to have extinguished the flame at once, but for some cause inherent in the tube of kilfyre it had no effect. The fireman and electrician then ordered the asbestos curtain down and the fireman threw the contents of another tube of kilfyre upon the blaze, with no better result. The commotion thus caused excited the alarm of the audience, who immediately started for the exits, of which there were 25, of unusual width, all opening out and ready to the hand of any one reaching them. The draft thus caused, it is believed, had before the curtain could be entirely lowered, produced a bellying of the asbestos curtain, causing a pressure on the guides against the solid brick wall of the proscenium, thus stopping its descent. Every effort was made by those on the stage to pull it down but the draft was so great, it seemed that the pressure against the proscenium wall and the friction caused thereby was so strong that they could not be overcome. The audience became panic stricken in their efforts to reach the exits and tripped and fell over each other and blocked the way. The audience was promptly admonished and importuned by persons employed on the stage and in the auditorium to be calm and avoid any rush, that the exits and facilities for emptying the theatre were ample to enable them to all get out without confusion. No expense or precaution was omitted to make the theatre as fireproof as it could be made, there being nothing combustible in the construction of the house except the trimmings and furnishings of the stage and auditorium. In the building of the theatre was sacrificed more space to aisles and exits than any theatre in America. The Iroquois theatre disaster was vastly more destructive to human life than any other playhouse fire in the history of the United States. The fire next to it in point of lives lost, occurred Dec. 6, 1876, in Conway's Brooklyn theatre, Brooklyn, N. Y., where 295 of the audience perished in the flames. The day after Christmas in 1881 while the play "The Bleeding Nun," was being performed in a theatre at Richmond, Va., a fire started that burned 75 persons to death, among them being the governor of the State, George W. Smith.

Occasional panics have occurred from time to time in Chicago theatres, started by false alarms in the theatre or by fire scares, but they had no loss of life.

In the great Chicago fire of 1871 the largest conflagration of modern times, in which 2124 acres were devastated, only 200 lives were lost so far as the most reliable information shows.

IDENTIFYING THE BODIES.

At 2 o'clock this morning, the men in the various undertaking establishments to which the dead had been taken had managed to arrange the bodies in something like order and the work of identification was greatly facilitated and moved with greater rapidity after daylight when more people visited the morgues.

At Rolstons place at 22 Adams street 183 bodies were laid upon tables and floors, and when the police at about 2 o'clock opened their lines to allow the throng to enter, it required all their strength to stem the pressure that was brough to bear upon them as hundreds of people frantic with anxiety strove to be the first to enter the grewsome undertaking rooms. Scores of women fainted before they had gone a dozen steps, while men wholly unstrung staggered as they walked down the aisles and soon had to be assisted from the place by the police. The blankets were removed and the bodies were huddled in long lines on the floors. Thirty deep they lay in furrows, their ghastliness brought out by the glare of the electric lights. Here lay a gray-haired man, his features recognizable and the smoky pallor of his face showing a death from smoke suffocation. Nearby was the body of a child in Fauntleroy costume, his golden curls in vivid contrast to the scarlet color of his face from which every particle of the skin had been torn. His cheeks bore plainly the mark of boot heels, his chest was crushed and it was only too evident that his life had gone out under the heels of the frenzied throng around the doorways. There were dozens of bodies of young women and girls from 18 to 23 years of age. Many of them were elegantly dressed and their clothing or some trinket found will be the only guide to those who know them for their faces have been literally trampled into an unrecognizable mass. Some of the bodies were stripped entirely of clothing and with distorted limbs and mangled and charred features were seen in all their horror. In one respect they were alike. The left arm of nearly very victim was held stiff to the side while the right hand was outstretched as if warding off peril.

At Jordan's on Madison street the dead numbered 139. They were stretched upon the carpets of the little chapel and on the bare floors of the morgue below. The scene here varied only in minor details from the ghastliness seen under the electric lights at Rolstons.

To Sheldon's on West Madison street 41 dead were taken. At Carroll's Wells street, 47; at Gavin's, North Clark street, 49; at Buffum's, on Wabash avenue, 61, and at Perrigo's on State street, 29. Other morgues scattered throughout the city, received smaller numbers. At the county morgue 19 bodies had been received. Of these ten men and two little girls were identified.

PREPARING FOR INQUESTS.

Preparations were made at the morgues for the inquests which will begin today.

Many days will be spent in the inquiry into the fire and several juries will be empanelled in order to expedite matters. Each body has been numbered and the marks of identification placed in an envelope with a corresponding number, and in many cases a bit of scorched ribbon or a trinket may be the only means of establishing identity.

THOROUGH INVESTIGATION.

"We will make every effort to sift this matter to the bottom," said Coroner Traeger this morning. "Someone must be to blame and the fault will be placed where it belongs. If the undertakers are unable to care for all the bodies I will issue orders to throw open some hall where the dead may be placed to await identification."

All night long the crowds came and went around the morgues. There were the heads of families, brothers, sisters and men and women looking for those from outside cities who had been their guests. For hours they passed up and down before the long rows of the dead, searching for the faces of their missing.

SEARCH FOR CHILDREN.

All night long search was kept up for Mary Dorothy Gartz, 12 years old, and Barbara Gartz, four years old, who attended the theatre with their aunt, Mrs. Adelaide Hopfelt. Today their bodies had not been found and there seemed to be no doubt that the children have perished. They are the daughters of A. F. Gartz, and the nieces of R. T. Crane, the millionaire manufacturer of this city.

Mrs. Hopfelt was taken from the theatre severely burned about the head and shoulders. The children are believed to have been caught in the crush coming down from the balcony and to have been trampled to death on the staircase leading to the main floor.

Walter Zeisler, 17 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Zimund Zeisler, is among the missing. He is a nephew of Fannie Bloomfield Zeisler, the pianist.

WHOLE PARTY MISSING.

A party consisting of Mrs. Lucy Gartz, her two children, Frank, 10 years, and Willie, 6 years of age; Harriet Wolfe, 10 years old, daughter of Ludwick Wolfe, a millionaire business man, and Miss Burke, a dressmaker, is missing. Mr. Wolfe's entire family searched all night through the hospitals and morgues but failed to find a trace of any member of the party.

Graeme Stewart, republican national committeeman from Illinois, spent the entire night hunting for Mrs. F. H. Fox of Winnetka, Ill., and her three children. Mrs. Fox is the daughter of W. M. Hoyt, who was president of the W. M. Hoyt Grocery Co., one of the wealthiest concerns of the kind in the west. Mrs. Fox was taken home but none of her children was found.

Mr. Stewart said the handkerchief of Hoyt Fox, 12 years old, has been found in the pockets of a suit upon the body of a boy at Rolstons morgue. There is no doubt that it is the boy although the features cannot be identified.

There was a pathetic scene at Rolstons morgue when the body of John Van Ingen, 18 years old, of Kenosha, Wis., was identified. Friends of the Van Ingen family had spent many hours searching at the request of Mr. and Mrs. Van Ingen, who were injured. Today four of the Van Ingen children who were believed to have perished in the fire had not been accounted for. They are: Grace, two years old; Dotty, 5 years; Mary, 10, and Edward, 20 years old.

A SAD SCENE.

One of the saddest of the many scenes enacted in Thompson's restaurant near the theatre, where many of the dead and wounded were taken after the fire, was the search by a party of priests and nuns, headed by the Rev. J. L. Holtinger of Ontonagon, Mich., for Edith Horten and her sister, two young girls who in company with one of the convent sisters had attended the performance. The body of Edith Horten was found in the restaurant, many of the nuns breaking down and weeping bitterly at the sight. The other Horten girl and the sister who accompanied them were not found.

Charles Dexter of the Boston baseball club, and Frank Hauseman, the old Chicago second baseman, with their families occupied a box. Both claim that but for the presence of mind of Eddie Foy the death roll would have been doubled.

When the panic began Dexter and Hauseman each made for and manned a door leading into the alley on the north side of the theatre. The people in the balconies had already commenced to jump to the ground floor when Hauseman and Dexter forced open their doors and they were compelled to lift away the maimed and the dead in order to permit of exits from the ground floor.

Hauseman having escorted his party out took a position at his door and kept it from choking up by assisting people through. Finally forced away by the flames, Hauseman got into the alley just in time to hear the agonized voice of a woman from the window in an upper gallery shrieking "Catch me." As the woman screamed she jumped and Hauseman catching her to the best of his ability broke her fall to the ground and she walked away uninjured.

WHOLE FAMILY DEAD.

Clinton G. Meeker, a clerk in the registry division of the post office, living in the suburb of Irving Park, has probably lost in the fire his entire family, consisting of his wife, two daughters and two sons.

A friend called Mr. Meeker up on the telephone at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and asked him if any of his family had gone to the theatre. He answered that so far as he knew none of them had left home. When he reached the house, however, he found only his mother-in-law there. "Where are Mabel and the children?" he asked.

"They have gone to the Iroquois theatre," was the reply.

"I dropped right down on my knees," said Mr. Meeker, "and prayed that God might spare them."

Today Mr. Meeker had partially identified the bodies of his wife and two daughters. He failed to find any trace of his two sons.

NEGLIGENCE CHARGED.

Among many of the theatrical men employed in the other Chicago theatres, the responsibility for the fire was ascribed today to the careless placing of electric arc light apparatus too close to one of the hanging borders of the scenery. The electrician of a leading Chicago theatre expressed great surprise on hearing that this was considered a possible cause of the fire.

"There would never have been any fire," he said, "if proper care had been exercised in handling the lights. The electric plant of the theatre was installed, as I happen to know, from personal observation, in accordance with every modern requirement for safety. The plant was not to blame. If the facts I have been given are correct, the whole blame rests on the person who placed or was operating a light so closely to the curtain.

PARTIAL LIST OF DEAD.

Following is a partial list of the dead:

HORTENSE LANG, 16.

IRENE LANG, 11, sister of above.

E. A. WILSON.

MRS. W. T. MARSH.

MISS GLADYS STREITON, Alphena, Mich.

LOUISE BUSHNELL.

MRS. A. LAKE, 33, identified at morgue.

MISS A. DONALDSON, 18 years old.

J. RATTLEY, died at hospital. Before death he spoke of two boys who had been with him. Boys thought to have perished.

MRS. PATRICK O'DONNELL, wife of President O'Donnell of Duer Brewing company.

OTTO WALLMAN.

R. H. COULTS.

MISS D. HOWARD.

MISS ROSS, daughter of Dr. Ross.

EDITH NORTON.

HELEN McCANGHAN with party of several High school girls in balcony.

MRS. F. A. MORRILL.

MRS. A. SELLIVAN.

MRS. MINWEGAN, wife of Alderman Minwegan.

MRS. HAUERBAUGH.

C. W. FORBUSH and family.

ANNA STERLING.

Three men employed among flies on stage, names unknown.

FLORLINE, a German aerial performer, died in ambulance.

ETHEL BLACKMAN, 13.

MRS. CAVANAUGH.

Unknown boy, 8 years old.

Two unknown women met death jumping from fire escape while their garments were aflame.

LOUIS BUCHRAY.

MARIE WALSH, 15.

MRS. JAMES D. MALONEY.

MISS SPENCER.

ETHEL JONES, daughter of S. P. Jones, attended the theatre with brothers and sisters, two of whom are missing and three accounted for. It was reported at Vaughn's seed store, where the body of Miss Jones was taken, that the mother, an invalid, dropped dead when she received the news of her daughter's death.

MRS. KING, wife of John C. King, the attorney.

LILLIAN PHILLIPSON, six years, identification uncertain.

Boy, 17 years of age, lived at Lafayette, Ind.

MRS. FOREMAN.

WILLIAM BATTLEY, died in hospital.

J. C. JOHNSON, died in hospital.

WILLIAM REED, lawyer, Waukegan, Ill.

HOYT FOX, body at morgue.

MRS. L. R. BUTLER.

S. WARDMAN.

EDMUND M. MORTON, agent Wagner Electric Manufacturing Co., St. Louis.

—— NEWBY.

J. A. COCKEMS.

MRS. STERN.

H. DONALDSON.

THE REV. HOWARD STUDLEY, pastor of All Strangers' church.

MISS J. B DODD of Delaware, O.

MISS V. DELEE, daughter of late lieutenant of police.

W. W. HOOPER, Kenosha, Wis.

Five children of H. S. Van Ingen of Kenosha (probable). Father became separated from them and is among the injured.

MILDRED MERRIAM of Ohio, rescued by father, but died on reaching the street.

BERNICE BALLEY.

A. M. MANDEL.

C. A. WINSLOW, commercial traveller of Three Rivers, Minn.

BURR SCOTT.

FORNETTA PETERSON.

HARVEY KIELEY, St. Louis.

THOMAS COUTELL.

EMPERLY HALL.

THOMAS F. FLANAGAN, Indianapolis, Ind.

MRS. M. A. HENRY.

ROSE K. RODGERS.

H. P. MOORE.

C. L. COOPER.

MAY CURRAN.

"MARTIN," a boy of 15.

E. R. WILLIAMS.

B. REGANBERG.

ELLA LINDEN.

—— HENDING, a boy.

WALTER B. EISLER.

—— NUIR, member travelling passenger agents' association, carried check No. 13,231.

MRS. EMMA BRINKLEY.

RICHARD and ALLEN HOLST.

HAROLD MARTIN, Pullman, Ill.

JOHN HOLLAND.

LULU SHABBARD.

W. D. SPRANG.

CHARLES H. NOLL.

MRS. DAWSON.

—— WHITEFOX, a boy.

WILLIAM BUTL.

ROBERT MARTIN, son of Principal Martin of Pullman school.

JOHN VAN IGNE, Kenosha, Wis.

WALTER BESSINGER, died at hospital.

MARGARET BUERMAN, died at hospital.

MRS. LEO WOLFF, Hammond, Ind., died at hospital.

ALICE KAUSMAN, died at hospital.

HELEN HOWARD, died at hospital.

HELEN COOPER, died at hospital.

B. E. GOULD, died at hospital.

MORTIMER ELDRIDGE.

HELEN BEYERSSLOTH, Evanston, Ill.

REV. HENRY L. RICHARDSON.

LOUIS KASNER and wife, said to have belonged to "Bluebeard" company.

REV. GEORGE H. DUDLEY, pastor of All Saints' Episcopal church.

WALTER B. ZEISLER, son of Dr. Zeisler of the University of Chicago.

LESTER DOTEY, son of L. B. Dotey of Illinois Steel company.

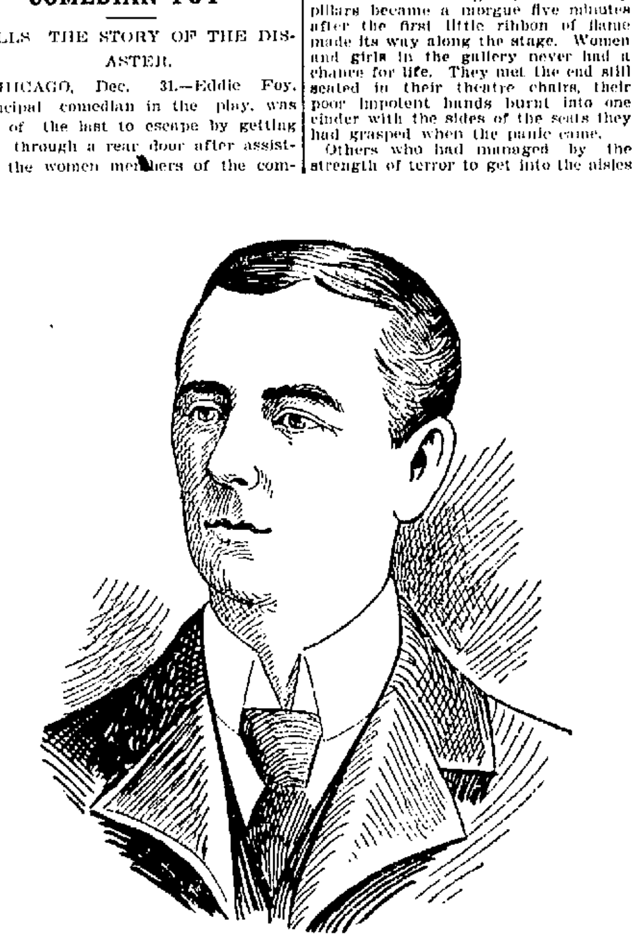
MRS. A. M. MENDEL, wife of a retired banker.

WALTER D. AUSTRAN, aged 11, son of Joseph B. Austran, president of the Lake Michigan Transportation company.

COMEDIAN FOY

TELLS THE STORY OF THE DISASTER.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Eddie Foy, principal comedian in the play, was one of the last to escape by getting out through a rear door after assisting the women members of the company to safety. He went into the Sherman house in his stage costume and with his face covered with grease paint, in order to secure surgical attendance for some burns which he had sustained.



EDDIE FOY, LEADING COMEDIAN OF "MR. BLUEBEARD."

In describing the commencement of the fire, Foy attributed the extent of the catastrophe to the failure of the fireproof curtains to work properly. Because of this, he said the flames readily obtained access to the main part of the theatre and by the draft, carrying with it gas as well as fire, were swept up to the two balconies where the loss of life was greatest.

"The fire began in the middle of the second act," said Mr. Foy. "An electric wire broke, was grounded, and from this the flames were started in the rear of the stage. The stage is unusually wide and there was so great a draft the flames spread rapidly. They soon had attacked all the scenery in the rear of the house. I never believed it possible for fire to spread so quickly. When it first started I went to the footlights and, to prevent alarming the audience, I said that there was a slight blaze and that it would be better for all to leave quietly.

HOW THE COMPANY WAS SAVED.

"Then I stepped back and called for the asbestos curtain to be lowered. This, when about half way down, refused to go farther and thus an additional draft was created. This swept the flames out into the auditorium, and I knew the theatre was doomed.

"I hurried back to the stage and aided in getting the women members of the company into the alley. Some of them were in their dressing rooms and were almost overcome by smoke before they could get down to the stage and to the doors.

"The simple fact that the curtain did not descend entirely was what saved the lives of the company, although it caused such a horrible catastrophe in the front of the house. After the curtain had refused to descend there came the explosion of the gas tanks and with the curtain down all the fire and gas would have been confined between the rear wall of the theatre and the fireproof curtain in front. Under these circumstances it would not have been possible for a single member of the company to escape alive unless he or she had been standing immediately in front of the door leading into the alley. As it was, the draft carried all the gas and fire out before the curtain and the company was saved although their salvation was the death of so many poor people in front."

NEXT TO THE CHICAGO FIRE.

Rarely in the history of Chicago has its people been so stirred as by the calamity of yesterday. It is next to the Chicago fire, the greatest catastrophe that has ever occurred here, and the speed with which it came and went seemed for a brief period to appal the business section of the city. The news spread with great rapidity and in a short time hundreds of men, women and children were rushing toward the theatre.

The building in which the calamity occurred stands midway between State and Dearborn streets on the north side of Randolph street.

Although every available policeman within call of the department was immediately hurried to the spot and the men placed in lines at the end of the block, allowing nobody to enter Randolph street from either Dearborn or State, it was found for a time almost impossible to hold back the frenzied crowd that pressed forward, many of them having friends or relatives in the theatre and anxious to learn something of them.

The conduct of the police was beyond all praise. The officers held their ground firmly, and gently pushed back all those who sought to gain an entrance to the theatre, although in some instances frantic men, anxious to look for their loved ones, actually beat the officers with their fists in their rage at being prevented.

CARRIED OUT EIGHT WOMEN.

In spite of the efforts of the police, however, a large number of people succeeded in breaking through their lines and entering the theatre, and in many cases did heroic work in rescuing the injured and carrying out the dead. Among these was ex-Alderman Wm. H. Thompson, who, unaided, carried to the street the bodies of eight women. The first newspaper men upon the ground also carried out many of the dead and injured.

HOW THEY DIED

PEOPLE SUFFOCATED IN THEIR SEATS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—The classic interior of the theatre, the beautiful plush hangings, the arched windows with their stained glass, the stately pillars became a morgue five minutes after the first little ribbon of flame made its way along the stage. Women and girls in the gallery never had a chance for life. They met the end still seated in their theatre chairs, their poor impotent hands burnt into one cinder with the sides of the seats they had grasped when the panic came.

Others who had managed by the strength of terror to get into the aisles found their awful ending in smoke and fire and tearing of limbs in the passages and in the open space back of the seats. Dozens of others, swept, carried, dragged or thrown out to the stairways and even beyond them down to the landings in actual sight of day light that streamed through the big front doors, in sight of the throngs outside, the fire wagons and the smoking horses, died in great masses, seven and eight feet high, bodies mingled fearfully together, clothing burnt off and faces in their last agonies, all turned toward the doors they could not reach.

EDDIE FOY

TRIED TO QUIET MADDENED PEOPLE.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—The fearful theatre horror was marked by many dramatic features. With death all about him, Eddie Foy, the chief comedian of the company, stood out from the panic-stricken group on the stage and assured the audience there was no danger. The one heroic member of the orchestra that had not fled sat manfully at his task, sawing at his violin for dear life in an effort to drown the screams of the women.

Even as Foy assured the people there was no danger, the great asbestos curtain was let down, caught on one side and failed to work. In another instant smoke burst from the top arch of the stage and from under the bottom of the curtain. Before a man or woman could rise the whole roof of the auditorium was ablaze. Two gas tanks had exploded in the flies on the east side of the theatre, and black, choking fumes beat down in a cloud of death from every wall.

WEDDING GUEST

WM. McLAUGHLIN, NEPHEW OF MRS. GUNSAULUS, A VICTIM.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—William McLaughlin, nephew of Mrs. Frank W. Gunsaulus, who had come to Chicago to attend the wedding of Miss Martha Gunsaulus and Henry H. Scheuler, which is to take place this evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Gunsaulus, 2618 Prairie avenue, was one of the victims of the fire.

McLaughlin was taken from the theatre in a dying condition and expired at the Presbyterian hospital. He was the only son of Rev. and Mrs. McLaughlin, who moved to South America eight years ago. They have been making their home in Buenos Ayres, but their son, who was 21 years old recently returned to the United States to attend the Ohio Wesleyan college at Delaware, O. He had come to Chicago to spend the holidays with Dr. and Mrs. Gunsaulus and to be in attendance at the wedding of his cousin.

Invitations to the wedding have been recalled, and instead of the home celebration originally planned, Dr. Gunsaulus will perform the ceremony in the presence of the family.

DEAD ROBBED

RIGHT UNDER EYES OF THE POLICE.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31—Ghouls, mingling with those who were risking their lives in the cause of humanity, robbed the bodies right and left.

Two men were caught with their pockets bulging with pocketbooks, rings and other valuables. The articles were taken from them by the police and they were allowed to go.

The police themselves gathered up valuable furs, pocketbooks and many articles of value, which were taken to the station.

In neighboring stores, where the dead and injured were carried, drawers were filled with money and valuables taken from the bodies.

There was little attempt on the part of the police to keep any track of the property taken, and men were seen going along the streets robbing the bodies that were lying on the sidewalks under the very eyes of the officers.

SEVERAL BENEFITS

TO BE GIVEN FOR THE CHICAGO FIRE SUFFERERS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The news of the Chicago disaster was followed in New York by the announcement of several benefits for the fire sufferers. S. S. Shubert immediately telegraphed his manager in Chicago to devote the receipts of Wednesday's matinee to the sufferers and announced that the proceeds of Wednesday's matinee of "Winsome Winnie" now here would be devoted to the same cause. The "Red Feather" company will also give a benefit. A number of other managers are considering similar liberal arts.

Al Hayman, Marcus Klaw and Abram Erlanger, the leading members of the theatrical syndicate, who own large interests in the Iroquois theatre, sat in their offices in the New Amsterdam theatre until after midnight eagerly awaiting the telegrams from their Chicago representatives. They were horrified at and bewildered by the numerous reports. Klaw and Erlanger own "Mr. Bluebeard." Their representative said it cost $85,000 to produce it here. About 250 people were with the production on the road tour.

The present "Mr. Bluebeard" company began its tour at Pittsburg Sept. 28.

STRIKING DRIVERS

HAVE DECLARED A TRUCE FOR TEN DAYS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Stunned by the Iroquois theatre disaster the striking livery stable drivers and their employers have each made preparations to supply carriages to meet the emergency. The union leaders declared a truce for 10 days and offered to drive without compensation in the funerals of the victims.

President Albert Young of the union called the members together and talked over the situation. They unanimously agreed to declare a truce until after the funerals of the victims.

The livery owners have arranged for the putting out of every carriage in the city. Non-union drivers have been hired by the score and a notice was sent to every union driver to report for work this morning under the old terms of employment.

CHARTERED A TRAIN.

CLINTON, Ind., Dec. 31.—W. E. Dee of Chicago, a tile manufacturer with a factory at Mecca, Ind., 10 miles from here, heard of the Chicago theatre disaster by telephone last night. The list of missing contained the names of two members of his family. He instantly started for Chicago, 1[illegible] miles away. Jumping into a buggy he drove at top speed to Clinton where he chartered a switch engine and dashed on to Danville, Ill., 50 miles away. A special train had been ordered by telegraph and was waiting for him and at midnight he started for Chicago.

TRAIN DERAILED

Two Engineers and Fireman Dead

ASHTABULA, Ohio, Dec. 31.—Limited train No. 22, eastbound on the Lake Shore road, was derailed here today by an open switch, resulting in the death of three of the train crew and the injury of a fourth. No passengers were injured. The train was two hours late owing to the heavy snowstorm and was being hauled by two engines.

The dead:

—— McINTOSH, engineer.

—— SPRING, engineer.

—— SPRINGBORN, fireman.

The injured:

——Higley, fireman of Buffalo, not serious.

Another train was made up as quickly as possible and the passengers sent eastward.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

The theatregoers of the French population of this city are especially fortunate this week in having three consecutive nights with two matinees of French plays for their enjoyment at the Academy of Music. In order to cater to the French population of this city Manager Murphy, at a large expense has engaged Mme. Germaine Duvernay and company of Montreal to give two of her attractions at this popular playhouse. This troupe has just finished up the foreign tour and starting with Lowell will play the French centres of New England.

Tonight and tomorrow afternoon and evening the troupe will present "La Voleuse d'Enfants," or "The Kidnapper," which is a grand spectacular drama and one which is sure to please the people. The company consists of all stars and has been playing to crowded houses everyplace it has appeared.

Saturday afternoon and evening the program will be changed and Mme. Duvernay and her artists will present "La Grace De Dieu," or "The Grace of God," which is a sensational drama. Vaudeville attractions will be introduced between the acts.

The seats are now on sale and the demand has been so great that those who wish to secure good seats should apply at the box office at once. While the company has been charging higher prices for seats, Manager Murphy has decided to sell seats at the regular prices.

THE CASTO THEATRE.

Mr. and Mrs. Perkins Fisher head the program at the Casto theatre this week and Ezra Kendall's quaint rural character sketch entitled "The Half-Way House" is one of the funniest and most enjoyable ever presented at this theatre. Green trading stamps are still given free at the Casto.

PERSONALS

Mrs. F. N. Legare gave a whist party yesterday afternoon at her home in Broadway for the benefit of the new crib at St. Joseph's church. The winners of the first two prizes, which had been donated by Mrs. Charles H. Boisvert and Mrs. J. H. Bergeron, were Mrs. Magloire Grondin and Mrs. Hormisdas Vallerand; second prizes, which were the gifts of Mrs. Hormisdas Vallerand and Mrs. Joseph Ducharme, went to Mrs. Maurice Lambert and Mrs. George Lebrun. Mrs. Stanislas Duff and Mrs. Desire Hebert carried off the boobies.

Solon W. Stevens was one of the speakers at the banquet of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge of Masons at Boston, Tuesday.

Mrs. L. L. Lonto and Miss Sara Lonto spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Lonto's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sleeper of Newport, Vt.

Deputy Grand President J. A. Ball of this city will install the officers [illegible] Pacific lodge, A. F. H., of Lawrence, Jan. 11.

George B. Kittredge of this city has finished the stone work at Gallupville, and has gone to North Hoosick, N. Y., to take charge of the stone work for a large bridge there.

Mr. Charles N. Taylor, dyer at the Tremont & Suffolk mills, has handed in his resignation, to take effect Jan [illegible] Mr. Taylor has been employed by [illegible] Tremont & Suffolk corporation for [illegible] past 12 years.

The Murray club of the First Universalist church met with the pastor, Rev. C. E. Fisher, at his residence, 7[illegible] Livingston avenue, last evening for the first meeting of the season.

TWO FRAUDS.

The merchant who would try to [illegible] a pair of shoes without opening [illegible] box in which they came from the factory, would be regarded as a fraud and a trickster, and the newspaper which denies to the advertiser all the information he desires in reference to its circulation, must not expect the confidence of its patrons.

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To Boston. Lve.	To Boston. Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	From Boston. Arr.
5.48	6.50	6.00	7.04
6.22	7.40	6.30	7.26
a6.38	7.50	7.55	8.55
a6.42	7.53	8.25	9.01
a7.01	8.02	e9.00	9.37
a7.24	8.10	e10.00	10.37
a7.31	8.50	a10.17	11.34
7.45	8.55	e11.30	12.07
8.50	9.40	12.00	12.56
9.40	10.40	e1.00	1.37
11.00	12.08	2.00	3.01
a11.43	12.25	e3.00	3.37
a12.14	1.00	a3.47	5.00
1.40	2.50	4.14	5.30
e1.58	2.39	e5.00	5.37
a3.03	4.20	5.38	6.25
e3.47	4.30	a5.47	6.44
4.25	5.30	6.14	7.30
a5.22	6.15	e7.30	8.08
a5.44	7.00	e8.30	9.08
a6.22	7.05	10.50	11.34
a7.20	8.10	11.20	12.22

SUNDAY TRAINS

To Boston. Lve.	To Boston. Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	From Boston. Arr.
a6.39	7.30	9.00	10.00
a7.24	8.10	1.00	1.57
8.45	9.49	5.00	5.58
a9.20	10.15	e7.30	8.08
a4.25	5.30	e8.30	9.08
a5.58	7.00	9.00	10.02

WESTERN DIV.

To Boston. Lve.	To Boston. Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	From Boston. Arr.
6.50	8.00	7.30	8.34
8.00	8.54	9.25	10.32
9.26	10.39	10.48	11.41
10.50	12.00	11.50	1.08
12.05	1.32	2.15	3.19
12.45	1.57	2.56	4.55
2.30	3.35	4.59	5.50
3.10	4.10	6.01	7.05
3.55	5.04	6.38	7.48
5.06	6.43	9.39	10.40
6.15	7.16	B11.15	12.16
7.00	8.08		
9.25	10.50		

SUNDAY TRAINS

To Boston. Lve.	To Boston. Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	From Boston. Arr.
8.15	9.27	8.00	9.17
12.05	1.24	12.00	1.02
4.05	5.18	5.00	6.27
5.30	6.55		
6.00	9.05		

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HAD CHRISTMAS PARTY.

A Christmas tree was held at the Kirk street church yesterday afternoon for the benefit of the children of the Sunday school classes. Besides the tree there was a real, live Santa Claus impersonated by Kenneth Bruce. Supper was served to the children.

The boys' choir sang carols; there were recitations by Marie Lloyd, Margaret Thompson and Florence Richardson, and Rev. Dr. Martin read an original and very interesting Christmas story.

POLO NEWS

The Muncie Star of recent date had a fine likeness of Joseph Fox, the Lowell boy who is managing the Marion, Ind., polo team, and had the following to say of the Lowell boy:

No manager in the Western Polo league has had greater odds to contend with during the present season, or has better prospects of coming out on top in the final shuffle than Manager Joe Fox of the Marion five.

With polo an unknown and untried sport in Marion, Fox took a team there determined to educate the people to the game. He did not realize the task cut out for him until he attempted to advertise the sport. The Marion newspapers are closely allied with the theatres and an attempt was made to freeze out polo.

The attempt has been a failure, however, and the game is winning out on its merits. That this was possible is due largely to the resourcefulness of Manager Fox.

For a number of years Fox was goal-tender in the old Eastern league. He was one of the best till two seasons ago, when he lost an eye as a result of being hit with a polo ball during a game. Since that time he has devoted his time to managing teams and serving as utility man.

Fox has played in several games this season during the absence of goal-tender Burgess and has delivered the goods in a satisfactory manner. He is a stickler for fair play and is proving one of the most popular managers of the league.

BELFIELD WALCOTT

AS OUTCLASSED BY DAVE HOLLY OF PHILADELPHIA.

BOSTON, Dec. 31—Dave Holly of Philadelphia, with his famous "loop-the-loop" wallop, made his debut in Boston at the Central A. C. last night, and administered a most severe drubbing to Belfield Walcott in the 12 rounds they fought.

Walcott was clearly outclassed from he first, and the surprise was that he aid the limit. At the end of the 12th Referee Jack Sheehan awarded the ision to Holly.

In no round did Walcott have anywhere ear an even break, and Holly made a most favorable impression by his aggressiveness and clever hitting.

In the open preliminary Lefallon O'Neil f the West End beat Young Barrish of he Newsboys' club quite handily in six unds, and Harry Gilman stopped Jerry ckson in four rounds.

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MANSLAUGHTER

White Entered Plea of Guilty

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—John W. White, 22 years old, of 6 Puritan avenue, Dorchester, who was indicted by the grand jury for murder in the second degree, in causing the death of James M. Gavel, was arraigned before Judge Gaskill in the superior criminal court yesterday afternoon. He waived his right of trial and entered a plea of guilty on a charge of manslaughter, which was accepted by the commonwealth. He was then sentenced to serve not more than 10 years or less than eight in state prison.

His counsel, Michael J. Creed, before sentence asked the court to be as lenient with the boy as possible as he has been very ill and probably will not live long.

Several witnesses were placed upon the stand, who testified to the good character of the defendant. When the boy's father, who is a well-known business man and who is widely respected, was placed on the stand he broke down and had to be led away. Later in the detention room there was a pathetic parting scene between the father and son.

The shooting of Gavel occurred at 23 Upton street, on the evening of Nov. 17. It is alleged that young White had been keeping company with a Mrs. Annie Lewis who lived in the house, and on the evening in question he found her in the company of Gavel. His anger was aroused, and Gavel attempted to quiet him. Then it is alleged Gavel and White went out and bought drinks. On their return to the house White again became quarrelsome and finally drew a pistol and began shooting. Gavel died from his injuries a few days later, while Mrs. Lewis recovered.

White remembered that he went to the house that night, but does not remember doing any shooting. His counsel said that he was employed as a collector and carried large sums of money, and carried a revolver as a means of protection.

MATRIMONIAL

Miss Lillie A. Hallett and Mr. Moses McKelvey were united in marriage at the home of the bride's father, Mr. John H. Hallett, 17 Lincoln street, yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock by Rev. R. G. Osborne, rector of the church of the House of Prayer. The bridal party was attended by Miss Bessie Hallett and Miss Loretta McEloon. Following the wedding ceremony the couple received the congratulations of many friends. They left on the late train for their honeymoon. On their return they will reside at the bride's home, 19 London street, and will be at home to their friends after February 1st.

WELCH—KILLPATRICK.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized last evening, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Killpatrick, 129 Hampshire street, when their daughter Miss Anna M., was united in marriage with Mr. Edward A. Welch by Rev. F. M. Pickles. The bridal couple were attended by Miss Georgia Staples and Mr. Thomas C. Cuningham. There was a large company of friends present, including guests from Lawrence, North Andover and Chelmsford.

The wedding gifts were numerous and elegant. Mr. and Mrs. Welch left the city by a late train for a brief tour and upon their return will reside at 129 Hampshire street.

COURT—HOGAN.

Mr. C. Norman Court and Miss Sadie Hogan were married last evening by Rev. J. E. Allen at his residence in Kirk street. The bride wore a beautiful gown of organdie with lace and ribbon trimmings, and she carried a bouquet of white pinks. Her attendant was Miss Annie Hogan, who wore pale blue organdie and also carried white pinks. Mr. Arthur Anderson of Milford, N. H., was best man. At the conclusion of the ceremony the bridal party were entertained at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Hogan, 61 Hanover street, where refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Court will reside on Pleasant street.

CHASE—DAWSON.

Mr. Frederick C. Chase of North Chelmsford and Miss Carrie H. Dawson of Tewksbury were united in marriage at Nashua yesterday by Rev. William T. Bolster, pastor of the Congregational church of that city. Miss Helen M. Chase was the matron of honor. After the marriage ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Chase left on a wedding tour and will be at home in North Chelmsford to their friends after Jan. 15th.

McALLISTER—HICKEY.

Mr. Joseph L. McAllister of Baltimore, Md., and Miss Mary E. Hickey of this city were united in marriage yesterday afternoon at the parochial residence of St. Patrick's church by Rev. James A. Walsh.

The bride was attended by Miss Catherine Hickey and Mr. Edward J. McCarthy was best man. A reception followed the ceremony at the residence of the bride in the Mammoth road, and later Mr. and Mrs. McAllister departed on an extended wedding trip.

CRONIN—MILLS.

Yesterday afternoon at the parochial residence of St. Patrick's parish, Mr. Edward J. Cronin and Miss Mary E. Mills were united in marriage, the marriage ceremony being performed by Rev. Fr. Walsh. Mr. Percy A. Mills acted as best man and Miss Katherine M. Donovan was bridesmaid. After the wedding a reception was held at the home of the bride and later Mr. and Mrs. Cronin left on a wedding tour. They were the recipients of many beautiful and appropriate presents.

STEVENS—FIFIELD.

Leon B. Stevens of this city and Miss Bertha M. Fifield of Manchester N. H., were united in marriage Dec. 28, by Rev. N. W. Matthews, at his residence in Ellsworth street. Irving H. Ward was best man and Miss Bessie J. Knowlton of Manchester was bridesmaid.

HOLGATE—McGLENNAN.

Doctor R. Holgate and Miss Janet McGlennan, both of Lowell, were united in marriage last evening at the residence of John Holgate, 7 Simpson place, by Rev. N. W. Matthews.

STEALING TIME

YOUNG MAN WANTED FOR LARCENY OF WATCHES.

Charles A. Cross, 22, wanted in Burlington, Vt., for the alleged larceny of watches, was arrested in Tewksbury last evening by Capt. Kew and Inspector Walsh. Cross was employed on a farm in Tewksbury.

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10 lb. bag Table Salt.......... 7c
Pearl Tapioca..........2 lbs. 8c
3-lb. cans Choice Hand Packed Tomatoes.
Per doz. 80c; per can, 8c
Zu-Zu Snaps.........3 pkgs. 10c
Hebron Potatoes.....23c per pk.
1 lb. jar Preserves.......... 8c
5 lb. jar Jelly.............. 19c
Ginter's Pure Condensed Milk, 9c can
Golden Rose Soups...8c per can
Soda Crackers.........6c per lb.
2 lb. pkg. Echo Oats.......... 8c
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GRAY GOT BACK

Lowell Took Game From Haverhill

DRISCOLL'S TRIBE DEFEATED BY 5 POINTS

Large Crowd Saw the Contest

There is mourning in Haverhill.

Connie Driscoll and his tribe have bands of crepe around their coat sleeve and the fair ones in the city down the river are saying all kinds of good and bad things about the Lowell basketball players.

Jimmy Gray's team went down to Driscoll's town last night determined to do things to the tribe that won a game from Lowell the night before. They came away with the scalps of Bucky Lew, Jimmy Harrington, Bill Kelliher and few others dangling at their belts. The score was 20 to 15 and as the figures indicate the contest was one of exciting periods and great play. It broke the hearts of one of the largest audiences that ever saw a game in Haverhill when their pet team had to bite the dust.

One thing is certain, Haverhill is fast displacing Manchester as the great Lowell rival, and when the "colored wonder" and his white friends come to Lowell again they will be greeted by a house that will surprise them.

As Laurentius Josephus would say: The crowd was a decidedly warm and boisterous one and made it rather difficult for Referee Tierney, but the latter did not feaze the least bit. The women have the craze bad in Haverhill, so bad that they have already become bleacherites and some of these were quite prepossessing and looked chic in the dainty picture hats and vied with the rooters of the sterner sex with applause.

LOWELL.		HAVERHILL.
Allard lf		rb Lew
Abbott rf		lb Lynch
Cairns c		c Doyle
Field lb		rf Tighe
Holleran rb		lf Harrington (Kelliher)

FIRST PERIOD.

Third foul, Lowell	1—0
Third foul, Haverhill	2—1
Third foul, Haverhill	2—1
Goal, Lowell, Field	2—2
Goal, Haverhill, Tighe	4—2
Third foul, Haverhill	4—4
Goal, Lowell, Cairns	4—6
Third foul, Lowell	5—6
Goal, Lowell, Abbott	5—8

SECOND PERIOD.

Third foul, Lowell	6—8
Third foul, Lowell	7—8
Third foul, Haverhill	7—9
Goal, Haverhill, Doyle	9—9
Goal, Lowell, Abbott	9—11
Third foul, Haverhill	9—12
Goal, Lowell, Cairns	9—11

THIRD PERIOD.

Third foul, Lowell	10—14
Goal, Lowell, Abbott	10—16
Goal, Haverhill, Dodge	12—16
Third foul, Haverhill	12—17
Third foul, Lowell	13—17
Goal, Lowell, Field	13—19
Goal, Haverhill, Tighe	15—19
Third foul, Haverhill	15—20

Score, Lowell 20, Haverhill 15. Goals by Field 2, Tighe 2, Cairns 2, Abbott 3, Doyle 2. Fouls by Holleran 4, Cairns 3, Field 6, Doyle 3, Allard 7, Lynch 4, Lew 5, Tighe 2, Abbott 3, Allard 4. Referee, James Tierney of Lowell. Timers, James Gray for Lowell, Connie Driscoll for Haverhill. Attendance, 900.

BASKETBALL NOTES.

Concord at Lowell tonight and a dance all for one admission.

Allard will get back at Kane tonight for his big score in the last game.

Turn out tonight and make it a rouser for the boys.

Prior to tonight's game in Huntington hall between Lowell and Concord the amateur contest will be called at 7.30 o'clock sharp between the leaders of that league, the Riversides and the Lowell Boys' club, No. 1. After the big league game there will be dancing—the old year, the new year in.

Dan Lynch of the Manchester basketball team received a present yesterday which bore a card attachment announcing that the girl's basketball team of the Manchester high school desired to give him some little token of appreciation for his excellent work. The bundle was of huge proportion and by the time Lynch got through unwinding several thicknesses of paper, he began to think that he had been made the victim of a joke. Starting in again Dan unwound several more papers and at length, in under a wrap of paper which would have filled a good sized job wagon, there appeared a little china lamb; the kind that are sold by street fakirs at a nickle apiece. A note appeared on the last sheet which stated that Dan's lamb like playing had [illegible] the purchase of the gift. He is now buying cigars for his friends.—Manchester News.

After the basketball game Friday night, a dance will be given by the management, the admission to which will be included in the price of the game. This is an experiment and, if successful, the dances will be continued throughout the season. This matter was decided upon at a meeting of the association members yesterday afternoon. As soon as possible after the game, the cage will be cleared away and the floor placed in good condition for dancing.

When the Burke team first started in Lowell, dancing was introduced after each game. The result was, that they not only drew good houses for the games but the dancing parties after the games became very popular.—Manchester News.

Harry Edgar of the Holyoke basketball team was released by Manager Fred Winkler after last night's game in Springfield. The Holyoke management had no particular fault to find with the playing of last year's Springfield star, but was under the necessity both of cutting expenses and strengthening the team. Manager Winkler has lines out for a couple of good basket throwers and feels sure of giving the city a winner, even though big salaries have not yet brought about the desired result. "It has been insisted right along by many that the association here has been getting the short end of things for the money it has been paying and new faces will probably brighten up the basketball atmosphere.

Toby Matthews, the idol of Springfield basketball fans, and a good fellow in every walk of life, was substantially shown yesterday that he has made since coming to Springfield friends worth having. The knowledge was bought home to him in the shape of a handsome gold watch as a present from the clerks of the City hotel, which he has made his headquarters much of the time since coming to the city. The presentation was made by John T Moran, one of the hotel wine clerks, who assured the lanky athlete that he will not need good friends so long as the hotel is under its present management. Toby told his friends he would show his appreciation at the game last night, and anyone who attended knows how well he kept his word.

Y. P. S. C. E. SOCIAL

HELD AT IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH.

A social and entertainment was held at the Immanuel Baptist church last night under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C. E. of the church. It was known as a rubber social, two sides having been formed to see which could bring in the most rubber. The prize for the contest is a supper which the losing side has to give to the winning side. The sides were known as the reds and blues and the former won, having 235 pounds to their credit while the blues had but 155.

An entertainment was given consisting of numbers by Miss Eva Pickles, Miss Elsie Rollins, Miss Maggie Jones, Miss Martha Swanwick, Miss Ella Hayes, Miss Gertrude Estabrook, and by a male quartette, Messrs. Beaven, Williams, Thatcher and Jones. Refreshments were served by Isabel and Laura Gillespie, Etta Estabrook and Etta Wedge.

PLEASING RECITAL

GIVEN BY HENRY D. WYETH OF CAMBRIDGE.

At Middlesex hall, Pollard building, yesterday afternoon, a highly entertaining pianoforte recital was given by Mr. Henry D. Wyeth of Cambridge, assisted by Mr. A. H. Blake. The program, which was well received, follows:

Tannhauser Overture.......... Wagner
Mr. Wyeth and Mr. Blake.
Sonata Pathetique, Op. 13...Beethoven
Valse, Op. 42.
Etude, Op. 25, No. 9.
Polonaise, Op. 40, No. 1.
Chopin
Valse de Concert............Wieniawski
Concertstuck .... Weber
Mr. Blake at second piano.

POLITICAL NOTES.

Thomas J. Gallagher of ward six is a candidate for secretary of the democratic city committee and not a candidate for chairman, as announced in a morning paper.

Frank E. Dunbar is mentioned as a candidate for delegate to the republican national convention. Hon. Charles H. Allen has also been mentioned, but he is said to be favorable to Mr. Dunbar.

DARK ROOM

Mrs. Webster Felt Like Shutting Herself Up

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Mrs. A. S. Webster, residing at 203 Moore street, Lowell, Mass., says:

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PARDON REFUSED

Goodwin's Request Was Turned Down

WATSON OF LOWELL IN FAVOR OF PARDON

Fight Will Not be Given Up

The executive council at 7 o'clock last night, after having been in session practically all day, voted against the pardon of Henry K. Goodwin of Lawrence.

The vote was 2 in favor and 7 against. The division was as follows:

For pardon—Councilors McNamara of Boston and Watson of Lowell.

Against pardon—The lieutenant governor, Councilors Slade of Fall River, Maxwell of Boston, Robinson of Gloucester, Irwin of Northampton, Lowe of Fitchburg and Hoag of Chelsea.

No case in recent years has attracted so much attention and excited so great public interest as has this Goodwin pardon case. Goodwin is now serving a life sentence in the state prison for the murder, in Lawrence, of Albert D. Swan. Goodwin was an inventor. He claimed that Swan had cheated him out of some telephone patents.

GOODWIN'S COUNSEL

SAYS FIGHT WILL NOT BE GIVEN UP.

Clarence W. Rowley, counsel for Goodwin, was very much surprised when he was told last evening of the action of the governor's council.

"This is but the beginning of a long fight," he said. "I do not intend to drop the matter by any means. I am surprised and pained to think that the objections of masked men should prevail over the personal requests of seven mayors of Lawrence and a large number of our citizens, as well as a general desire of the people of the state.

"The decision is unjust to Goodwin. When the country required his services in 1862 he volunteered. He was shot through the arm and neck, taken prisoner and confined in Andersonville, the worst prison known in history. It is but human weakness to forget a man's virtues when he is a prisoner, even though he has lived a life above reproach save for his one act in killing in the heat of passion the man who wronged him. It is the general desire of the people that Goodwin be liberated, and I know of only four persons wo do not want him freed."

Begin the new year by opening an account at the Five Cents Savings bank.

LATEST NEWS

G-E-T are the initials of Geo. E Tradd, who would like to announce that he has got, for you to get, the best gifts, and when you give, what you will get, don't forget, that your gift will never be forgotten. Now let us not forget, what we can get, in this store, we can't get, in any other store in Lowell. We have no other branch. The ORIENTAL BAZAAR, 318 Merrimack street. Please don't forget the number.

A Splendid Opportunity

Package perfumes and fancy boxes of candy at or less than cost. One-half oz. perfumes, one in box, 19c, were 25c. Children's package, 4 bottles in box, 19c, was 25c. 1 oz. or two half ozs. in box 38c, were 50c. French Violet Water 23c, was 50c. Bulb Perfume Atomizers at your own price; 10c up for goods selling at 4 and 5 times the sale price. The new pump atomizers reduced as follows: $2 to $1.50, $1.29 to 89c, $1.19 to 83c, 89c to 59c. Candy in fancy and odd shaped boxes and baskets $1 for goods that were $1.50 and $2. Others for 45c and 50c that were 75c. Howard, The Druggist, 197 Central st.

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Ladies' Black and Castor Coats, value $13.50, $15.00, $16.50; only a few left.
Let 'em go $8.50

Twenty Sample Coats, no two alike, sizes 34, 36, 38; value $10.00.
Let 'em go $3.98

Misses' Coats, age 6 to 14, all marked down.
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Let 'em go $2.75 and $3.98

Twenty Ladies' Capes, no two alike; these are money savers; value $7.50, $10.00 and $12.50; beautifully made.
Let 'em go $1.98, $2.98, $3.98

Ladies' Extra Long Black Kersey Capes, trimmed and lined; value $17.50.
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$6.98 SCARFS ....Let 'em go $4.75
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Extra Long Scarfs and Muffs to match. Sets complete $15.00 to $50.00.

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All our Trimmed and Untrimmed Millinery must go at your price during this sale, as we never carry over any winter goods.

A FEW OF OUR PRICES

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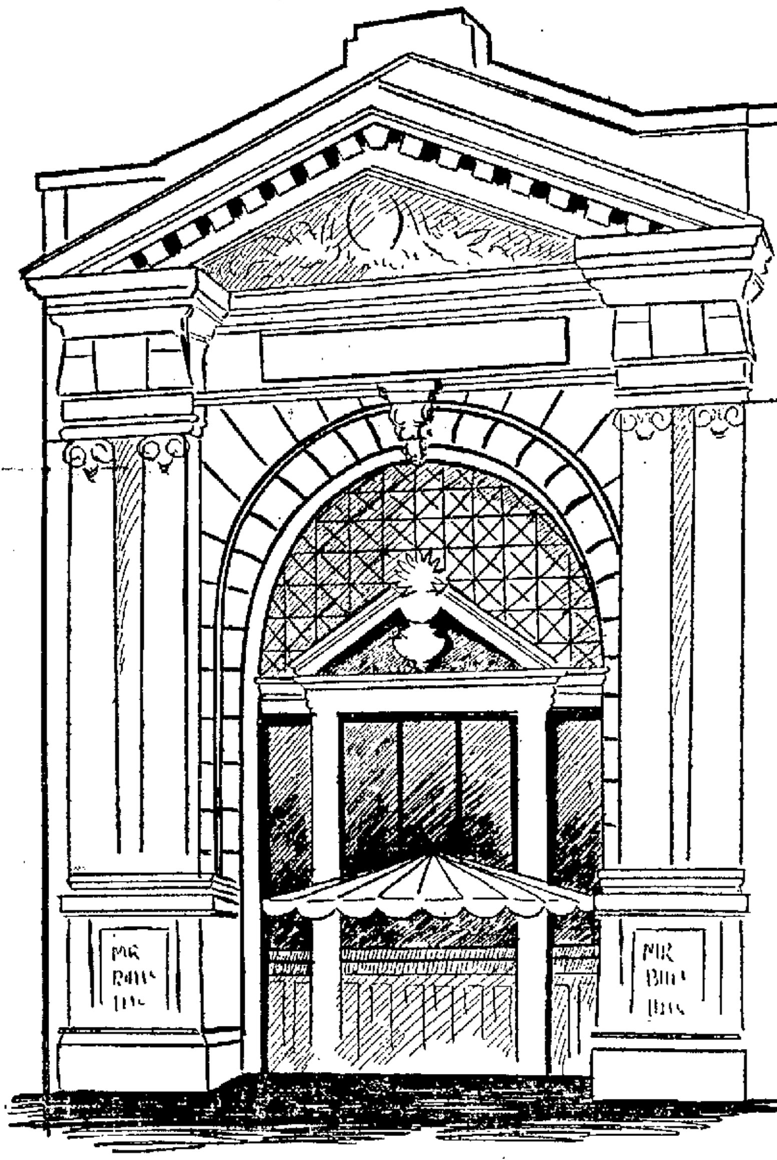
CHICAGO HORROR

Over 600 People Burned, Suffocated or Crushed to Death in the New Iroquois Theatre



THE IROQUOIS THEATRE.

Fire Started From Crossed Electric Wires Caused Panic—A Gas Explosion Soon Followed Sending Out Volumes of Smoke That Suffocated Shrieking Hundreds—Heroic Efforts of Actors and Base Ball Players to Rescue the Dying Heartrending Scenes Around the Theatre When Truth Was Realized—The Catastrophe Unparalleled in the Rapidity With Which it Brought Death to Hundreds

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Fire destroyed the Iroquois theatre, Chicago's new playhouse, yesterday afternoon and about 600 lives were lost.

The latest statement of dead at the various morgues is 564 and it is stated at the various hospitals and hotels to which the injured were removed that of the 157 people who were injured probably one-third cannot live. The missing today were estimated at 314 but it is expected that many of these would be accounted for, probably a large majority of them.

A CHAMBER OF HORROR.

It is no extravagance of language to say that the city is stunned by the overwhelming tragedy which was enacted when the theatre which housed "Mr. Bluebeard" became a chamber of horror. There is the deepest woe in hundreds of homes today, sorrow in a thousand others and a pity beyond the potency of words to convey in all.

The first streak of daylight found the morgues still the sorrow haunted centre of many a searcher. There were hundreds searching for their wives, wives searching for husbands, frenzied parents seeking their children, so many of whom lost their lives and in some instances wild eyed children, still dazed from the horror of their experience, grouped about in search of father or mother.

Possibly nothing could better typify the depths of sympathy which is felt for those who suffered directly by the calamity than the action of the striking livery drivers. By a vote which was without a dissenting voice it was decided to establish a truce of 10 days.

President Albert Young of the union, following the meeting issued the following decree which was distributed broadcast:

"Owing to the great disaster to the public caused by the fire at the Iroquois theatre, I do hereby declare a truce in the present strike of undertakers and livery drivers for 10 days, and do further require that every man now on strike report at once to their respective places of employment and do everything in his power to assist his

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NIGHT EDITION

SIX O'CLOCK

THREATENED HER

East Chelmsford Burglars Were Desperate

The burglars and thieves of today are extremely bold. It doesn't make much difference whether you are a gardener or a member of the constabulary, a minister of the gospel or a prize fighter, your house and your goods are not immune from the ravishes of the present day thief.

Constable Mooney of East Chelmsford reminded us of this today when he called and reported that burglars had entered his house in East Chelmsford last evening and after robbing his cellar, visited his hencoop and went away with a dozen plump Plymouth Rock pullets.

Mr. Mooney attended a lodge meeting in Lowell last night and while he was gone the after dark marauders visited his house and hennery. It was about 10.15 that his daughter heard a noise in the cellar. She opened the cellar door and peered down. She called and received no answer and was about to go down when a dark lantern was turned upon her and a voice out of the darkness, growled: "Another step and I'll shoot to kill."

The frightened girl slammed the cellar door and left the house. She summoned the assistance of neighbors, but when they arrived the burglars were gone. They had gained entrance to the cellar by forcing the bulk head.

When Mr. Mooney arrived his dughter told him the story. He found that the thieves had helped themselves to everything in the cellar that was good to eat, and when he visited his hens he found 12 of the youngest and plumpest of his flock had disappeared. Mr. Mooney patrolled the neighborhood during the night but failed to locate the thieves.

THREE EARTHQUAKES

FELT IN VICINITY OF PENFIELD, ILL.

PENFIELD, Ill., Dec. 31.—Three distinct earthquakes were experienced in this vicinity this morning, all in rapid sequence. Houses were shaken and occupants aroused from sleep. No damage of consequence has been reported as yet.

SHOCK IN PARIS.

PARIS, Ill., Dec. 31.—Paris was shaken today by an earthquake which was very perceptible over the entire city. No damage is reported.

FIRE DRILLS

SUPT. MAXWELL SAYS THEY SHOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—City Superintendent of Schools Maxwell today sent a letter to the district superintendents and principals of schools, calling attention to the Chicago fire and urging every precaution to make fire drills in the school as perfect as possible. All teachers are cautioned to make themselves familiar with the signals and duties in such emergency, to insure a swift and safe exit. A number of principals are invited to meet Supt. Maxwell to discuss measures to make fire drills in school more effective.

WANTED FOR FORGERY.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 31.—Securely handcuffed to his captor Bradford F. Pierce, wanted in Washington, D. C., for forgery left for the capital today in custody of Deputy U. S. Marshal Stone. No resistance to the removal order from this state to the District of Columbia was offered by the prisoner.

WITH THE POLICE

Anniversaries Will be in Order Tomorrow

Tomorrow will be rather an eventful day, so far as anniversaries are concerned, with the police. Patrolmen Alonzo J. Page, an officer whose ability and veracity have never been questioned, will celebrate the 35th anniversary of his appointment to the police force and the day will also mark the 25th anniversary of the appointment of police officers James McQuade an Daniel Lane to the police departme of Lowell, and although they did n report for duty until February 1st of the same year, it will be 25 years tomorrow, a quarter of a century, since they were appointed. Officer McQuade, now keeper at the police station, is an ex-deputy, and both men have serve the department well and have received favorable mention by their superior officers on several occasions.

It was 25 years ago tomorrow sinc Patrolman James McNabb was ap pointed to the force and while he ha not been in continuous service, his rec ord for "present" at roll-calls is secon to none.

THE WEATHER

Local forecast: Occasional snow to night. Friday fair, probably follow by snow; light to fresh westerly win

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THE SUN LATEST 5 O'CLOCK

STORY OF HEROES

Base Ball Players Smashed Doors of Theatre

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—This is the story **told** by Frank Hauseman, the ball **player**, who was in an upper box when **the** fire started:

"Charley Dexter and I were in the front upper box on the right-hand side. We had just been talking about the double row of little boys and girls that filled the front balcony seats. The theatre was dark for the second act and the stage was only partly lighted. Maybe a dozen of the chorus was on, singing "I'll Meet You in the Moon's Pale Light," when I noticed a little tongue of flame back in the flies on the other side of the stage. It was up just below the bottom of the drop curtain, which was raised, and looked just like somebody shaking a blazing handkerchief.

"'Charley,' said I, 'it's me to the exits. This may not be anything, but ou know the dark little hall we had come through. So we made a quiet eak before anybody in the audience new anything was wrong. We hadn't any more than got to the next floor when the stage began to get smoky and you could hear the crowd in the theatre begin to get worried. Just then Eddie Foy comes out to the front of the stage and with the little blazing bits of scenery dropping back of him, he kept saying, 'don't get frightened, sit still, it's only a little stage fire.'

By this time the whole theatre was in an uproar. Big chunks of blazing scenery began to fall. The girls on the stage were fainting and Dexter and I rushed to a couple of exits on the east side. 'Open the doors,' said I to an usher. 'Wait till the drop curtain comes down,' he said. By this time the crowd was getting wild and pushing against the doors. The stage was blazing and the smoke rolling out into the body of the theatre.

"'For God's sake open the doors,' I shouted. The usher didn't move. Well, I grabbed the fellow and threw him as far as I could and burst open the door. The minute it gave the crowd shoved me with a rush and jammed me against a pair of iron doors that were locked. I felt the latch and found it was like the one on my ice box at home. With a few wrenches it pulled open. At that minute a big sheet of blaze came out from the stage with a puff that drove the crowd mad.

"In a flash I saw Eddie Foy apparently buried in flames and before I could catch my breath the crowd caught me and almost threw me clear across the alley leading to State street. In that alley was the most awful sight I ever saw. The fire escapes over the alley were packed with struggling, screaming people fighting to jump to the ground. They were falling like aindrops and making a pile of dead d dying under the escapes.

STRUCK HIM DEAD.

"One man landed on the mass of people and struggled to his knees, when a oman fell on his head and struck him ead. I saw another woman clinging o the outside of the lower fire escape. 'Jump,' I yelled, 'it's only 10 feet.' As he came down, I held out my arms to reak her fall, and she struck my houlder.

"By this time the smoke was piling t of the door we had broken open d Dexter and I worked till we were hausted, pulling out women and ildren who were overcome by the moke and the horror. It was terrile, mostly women and children, moth-rs calling for their little ones, little irls screaming and bewildered; a mass crazy human beings almost tearing ch other to pieces trying to crowd t of that one small opening that we d made."

can't realize that it isn't all a ible nightmare yet," said Charles er, who was with Hauseman. en Hauseman called my attention o the blaze I didn't think there was uch in it, but while I looked it seemed to take the whole side of the stage. 'You'd better bring out that lady,' said I to a fellow who was in the same box with us with a girl. 'I guess I know my business,' he answered, and they staid behind. God help those two, for Hauseman and I didn't more than have time to get downstairs before the whole stage was ablaze, with Eddie Foy trying to keep the crowd quiet and the orchestra leader playing his fiddle facing the audience and nodding to them to sit down.

"When I reached the exit three little children were clinging to me. The door was locked. I broke it open, the crowd by this time crushing and struggling against me like a lot of wild people. I didn't know how we got the iron doors open, but when I got into the alley I found two little children in my arms and Hauseman was there by my side trying to help out the women. I saw him hold out his arms to a woman who jumped from the fire escape and it seemed to me that she knocked him 20 feet.

"The fire escapes were filled with nothing but women and children. It was awful, awful! There they were, packed together so closely that only a few could break loose and jump, and some of them burning to death before our eyes.

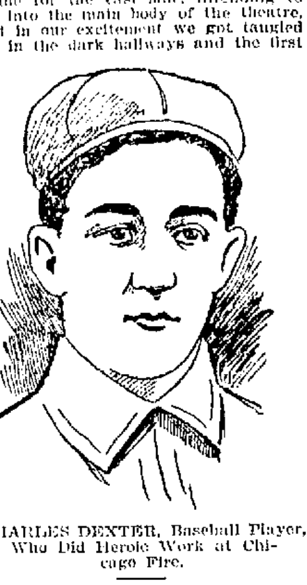
"I took the children into a corner drug store and hadn't any more than set them down when in rushed a woman with her hair down and her clothes almost torn off and grabbed the little girl, screaming: 'Darling, darling, don't you know your mother.'

"When I got back to the alley there were the firemen and police pulling out the dead and mangled, and Hauseman crying like a baby while he carried away the little ones. If I live 1000 years I can never forget that awful scene."

"NO MAN COULD STAND THAT."

William Corbett of 656 California avenue and Edward Butler, a city employe, living at 419 Webster avenue, were met by Hauseman and Dexter and rushed into the burning building at the Randolph street entrance to help in the rescue. This is Corbett's story:

"I didn't intend to go into the building, but as I stood there an old woman came up to me tearing her hair and screaming, 'Help me, help me, my two children are in there.' Well, no man could stand that. 'That means us,' I said to Butler, and we started. Policeman John Rohan tried to stop us. 'You'll burn up sure,' he said. We made for the east side, intending to go into the main body of the theatre, but in our excitement we got tangled up in the dark hallways and the first we knew we were up against a door at the top of the building and everything as dark as pitch.



CHARLES DEXTER, Baseball Player, Who Did Heroic Work at Chicago Fire.

"'My God, hear the screams,' gasped Butler. We caught hold of the handles of the door and managed to break it open. Piled up five feet deep by the door was the most awful mass of dead and dying human beings. I grabbed hold of an arm and the burnt skin peeled off in my hands. The smoke was suffocating and the heat was terrible.

"As we pulled the poor victims out it seemed to me that I couldn't go on. There were young girls with their waists torn off, women and children scorched and dead in great heaps, and a few still struggling feebly.

"Everything showed that the fight to get out must have been something beyond description, and all was smoke and darkness, so dense that we could only see those who were next to the door. We broke open a door leading into a big empty room and that let in a little light. Into this room we carried the dead and started down stairs with the few who were still alive. By this time the firemen had come up and we passed the living along. The hallway was so narrow that only one could come or go at a time. So those coming up had to go back to the landing to let the ones pass who were carrying the people down.

"It seemed as if nobody escaped from the gallery, judging by what we saw. When we got down to the balcony we found women and children piled up against the door almost to the top and nearly all dead. I couldn't stand it any longer. It made me sick all over, and I barely had strength left to get into the open air at last."

BUTLER FOLLOWED CORBETT.

"When Corbett started into the theatre," said Mr. Butler, "I made up my mind it was a case of follow the leader. It was as dark as pitch and I can't tell how we got where we did. When we broke the door open leading into the gallery I saw the most pitiful sight that I ever expect to see. Women and children and even babies were jammed together in the most frightful way. Some of them were still gasping, some of them burned and all of them with their arms blackened to a crisp clear to the elbow.

"It seemed as if they were little children and women, mangled, torn and burned until it would break your heart. 'Smiley' Corbett carried them away two at a time, and for 10 minutes it seemed we did nothing but try to untangle the heap of dead and dying. By that time the firemen came to help us and we carried the living out into the air. Randin asked me how many there were and I told him there might be 200 and there might be a thousand for I don't see how any of them could have got away from that black hole. Hell doesn't more than begin to describe what we saw when we broke in that gallery door."

TO INVESTIGATE TARIFFS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Henry Norman, M. P., arrived today on the White Star steamship Majestic from Liverpool. Mr. Norman will investigate the question of preferential tariffs in Canada and will return in time for the opening of parliament.

ACQUITTED OF MURDER.

LEBANON, Pa., Dec. 31.—Constable John L. Fisher was today acquitted of the charge of murdering City Solicitor J. Marshall Funck after a trial lasting nearly two weeks.

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LONDON'S MAYOR

Voices Sympathy of the British People

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The following message, which the lord mayor of London, Sir James T. Ritchie, transmits through the Associated Press, well voices the consternation and sympathy which prevails throughout the British metropolis over the disaster at Chicago, yesterday.

"Mansion House,
"London, Dec. 31, 1903.

"The citizens of London offer their deep sympathy and sincere condolence with the American people in the awful loss of life in the fire in Chicago.

"(Signed) JAMES T. RITCHIE,
"Lord Mayor of London."

All local and foreign topics of interest were forgotten here this morning in the universal horror over the Iroquois theatre tragedy. The extra editions of the newspapers giving the latest details were eagerly bought up and the newspaper placards only bore in flaring type the announcement of further news from Chicago.

Throughout the morning Americans resident in London made frequent inquiries at the office of the Associated Press. The flags over the American steamship offices were half-masted. The accounts of the deadly panic were read by the English people with peculiar sympathy and horror, for the pantomime season here is now at its height and the London theatres are daily packed with women and children. The disaster of yesterday doubtless will keep many Londoners from sending their children to the usual Christmas holiday pantomime.

The afternoon newspapers comment sympathetically on what the Globe terms "one of the most terrible disasters of its kind in the last hundred years," and goes on to say:

"It is difficult to understand how the Chicago authorities came to permit such an awful death trap to be constructed."

The Globe thinks that in the outset there could have been no adequate fire appliances or else they failed to work and does not believe that in this country any theatre would be so "utterly helpless."

"The scheme of exits," says the Pall Mall Gazette, "appears to have been practically worthless."

The St. James Gazette says: "The ghastly holocaust at least teaches the wisdom of the local ordinance which requires the fire-proof curtain to be lowered once every evening to ensure its good order."

The Westminster Gazette points to the terrible regularity with which Christmastide coincides with a great disaster and thinks it only shows how necessary to public security are the theatre regulations which so often are deemed oppressive.

To the lord mayor's message of sympathy, which was also transmitted to the United States embassy by which it will be forwarded to the state department at Washington, Ambassador Choate replied:

"I have received your tender message of condolence in behalf of the citizens of London, to the people of the United States in the tragic calamity at Chicago and thank you most sincerely. I have transmitted it to Washington.

"(Signed) CHOATE."

SCHOOL IS SAFE

SUCH IS BELIEF OF THE COMMITTEE.

SCITUATE, Dec. 31.—In opposition to the advice of a physician on the board of health to burn the books in the Hatherley school where the scarlet fever outbreak lately occurred, the school committee yesterday opened the school. The pupils, in returning to work, used the same books that were used before the fever epidemic, destroying only those volumes employed by the nine pupils who came down with the disease.

Mr. Joy K. Gannet, chairman of the school committee, yesterday afternoon said: "We burned the books used by the pupils who had the fever and we think that is sufficient.

"The rest of the books in the room were thoroughly disinfected and the walls scrubbed."

In direct contrast to this opinion is that of a physician, a member of the board of health, who says that the vapor of formaldehyde is useless in the case of books, as the vapor does not penetrate between the leaves.

The Hatherley school at North Scituate has been the scene of four outbreaks of contagious diseases, three of which were scarlet fever. Public opinion here is for burning the tomes but officialdom looks to the expense of this course.

CRUISER TOPEKA

AND TORPEDO BOATS GOING TO COLON.

KINGSTON, Jam., Dec. 31.—The United States cruiser Topeka and the torpedo boats Truxton and Stewart arrived here yesterday from Key West. The vessels are now coaling and will proceed as soon as possible for Colon.

MORE BOATS FOR PANAMA.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Word was received at the navy department yesterday from San Francisco that three additional vessels had left that place to join the fleet under Admiral Glass at Panama. They are the gunboat Bennington and the destroyers Preble and Paul Jones.

THE STOCK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The stock market opened irregular. Amalgamated Copper 50¼, Atchison 68⅜, Baltimore & Ohio 75¾, Brooklyn Transit 52¾, Canadian Pacific 115¼, Erie 29¼, Louisville 103¾, Missouri Pacific 89½ ex. div., New York Central 115⅞ ex. div., Penna. 119, Reading 43½, Rock Island 24, St. Paul 146⅜, Southern Pacific 49¾, Southern Railway 20⅝, Union Pacific 80½, United States Steel 12⅞, do. pfd. 50.

WALL STREET GOSSIP.

WALL STREET, 10.10 a. m.—The stock market opened very dull and with insignificant price changes. The coalers and the local tractions were inclined to heaviness. The United States Steel stocks started upwards.

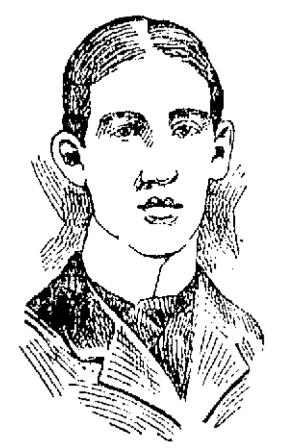
DANCING PARTY

Industry Council Observed Ladies' Night

AFFAIR IN HUNTINGTON HALL A SUCCESS

Members of Other Councils Present

Ladies' night was observed by Industry council, Royal Arcanum, last night. A grand concert, followed by a dancing party, was given in Huntington hall and the attendance was so large that early in the evening every seat in the gallery was occupied and many were obliged to stand along the dancing space on the floor.



JOHN W. SHARKEY, Assistant Floor Director.

The affair was complimentary to the members and their lady friends and the presence of so many of the ladies was especially pleasing to the members of the committee on arrangements, showing as it did the great interest they take in the success of the council.

Members of other councils also were present and the deputy of the council, James H. Gannon of North Billerica, with a party of Arcanumites from that town, enjoyed the dancing during the evening.

The concert program contained eight numbers and the different selections were applauded. Shortly after 9 o'clock dancing started. There was no march and about every one of the fancy engagements played by Kittredge's singing orchestra was applauded.

The affair was just as successful as any conducted by Industry council.

General manager, Thomas J. Mulligan; assistant, Frank T. McQuade; floor director, John J. Cox; assistant, John W. Sharkey; chief aids, Thomas M. Welch, Charles J. Defoe, Jr., Chas. D. Rodger, Walter E. Flaherty.

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OFF TO EUROPE

Mrs. Curtis on Foreign Trip

WILL BE ABSENT FOR TWO MONTHS

Her Former Husband in the West

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 31.—According to information given a reporter by a relative of Mrs. Curtis last night, Mrs. Curtis is now in New York and is very likely to take the next ship for the other side of the Atlantic. Mrs. Curtis will be absent from Manchester two months or more. A reporter was told last night, also, that probably she would have nothing to communicate to the newspapers before her return if at all.

"When the proper time comes Mrs. Curtis probably will have something to say concerning her side of the case in the action against the Frank Jones estate," was the statement.

Mrs. Curtis has persistently and successfully held aloof from reporters since Tuesday morning and all day yesterday relatives at the Curtis home on North Elm street guarded closely the door bell and telephone. Inquiries at the house resulted always the same, "No, Mrs. Curtis is not at home." But as near as can be ascertained, Mrs. Curtis was at home all day Tuesday; in fact, a relative who was at her house on that day has since said Mrs. Curtis did not leave the house until Tuesday evening, when it is supposed she took the 6.35 train for Boston.

A reporter called up the Curtis home by telephone last night and held the following conversation with a member of the family:

"Is Mrs. Curtis at home, please?"
"She is not."

"When will she be at home again?"
"She won't be at home."

"I don't mean tonight," persisted the reporter. "Couldn't you tell me when she will return, that I may see her?"
"Well, she won't return."

"Won't return?" interrupted the reporter. "That is, she won't return right away. She will be gone two months or more."

"Would you tell me where Mrs. Curtis has gone?" "I would not."

"Is Mrs. Curtis going to Europe?"
"She is now in New York, and she may go to Europe."

"Is Miss Margaret at home?" "She is not."

The reporter could not learn whether Mrs. Curtis was accompanied by her daughter or not, but is thought they are together and that they intend sailing from New York for Europe in the next steamer. It is said that Mrs. Curtis expressed great surprise on learning that the action against the Jones estate had become public through the newspapers.

It is a well known fact that a short time ago she communicated with a number of prominent local attorneys and some of the court officers, requesting that the action be not made public or hinted at in any way by them. It is also said she secured their pledges of secrecy.

MRS. CURTIS IGNORED

FRANK JONES OF LATE KEPT ALOOF FROM HER, IT IS SAID.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Dec. 31.—The suit brought by Mrs. Delana B. Curtis of Manchester against the executors of the will of the late Frank Jones is still the topic of interest here and many new stories are coming out. Executor Page went to Boston yesterday, after saying there probably would be no new developments until the case is called in January. Justin V. Hanscom, the other executor, who was Mr. Jones' secretary and who probably did more to help Mr. Jones in making his millions than any one else, declines to express an opinion, and much deplores the notoriety caused by the suit. Since Mr. Jones' death there have been very material changes in the estate, the executors converting the real estate into cash as fast as possible. First the racing stables were sold out, then the smaller pieces of real estate; the conservatories at the farm were closed and now the entire handsome farm is in charge of a caretaker.

The hotels, the Wentworth at Newcastle, and the Rockingham in this city, are to change management tomorrow, when the resignation of William K. Hill, for the past 18 years Mr. Jones' manager, takes effect and both hotels will hereafter be under the management of Harvey & Wood of Boston.

When Mrs. Curtis and her daughter were passing the season of 1900 at the Wentworth hotel, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jones were at the same hotel and it is said that while they were there no one saw Mr. Jones speak or in any way recognize Mrs. Curtis and her daughter in public. During the last few months of his life Mrs. Curtis was here repeatedly and tried in every way to get a personal interview with Mr. Jones, but she was turned back every time and even a letter from her was not allowed to reach him. It is said the family feared her influence so much as to stop all communications.

WOMAN'S HUSBAND

IS BELIEVED TO BE IN CHICAGO.

Samuel F. Curtis, former husband of Mrs. Delana Curtis of Manchester, N. H., who is suing the Frank Jones estate, is believed by a former acquaintance here to be in Chicago or Denver. He has not been in Lowell since about 1898.

While living in Lowell, Mrs. Curtis visited him at one time, staying, it is stated, at a boarding house on Kirk street. He had a room in a Central street block. The understanding of those who knew the parties is that at that time they had some time previously been divorced.

Curtis, it is stated, felt keenly the loss of his fortune, and desired to screen himself as much as possible from view of former acquaintances. For this reason, it is stated, he went West.

GENERAL STRIKE

IS THREATENED BY BRICKLAYERS AND MASONS.

GROTON, Conn., Dec. 31.—The refusal of three members of the Operative Plasterers' association to join the International Bricklayers' and Masons' union of America, which has caused a strike of stone masons, bricklayers and plasterers at the Morton F. Plant estate at Eastern Point, has led to a threat to call out all members of the international union in New England employed by the contracting firm of Norcross Brothers of Worcester, Mass. A business agent of the local branch of the international union has notified the superintendent of the work that unless these three men are required to take out cards from that union a general strike will be ordered.

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EXTRA

5 O'CLOCK

WILTON LACKAYE

Prevented a Panic in the Garrick Theatre

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—The failure of the expected fire protection at the fire in the Iroquois theatre is attributed by insurance men to trouble with the asbestos curtain. The stage is always recognized as the danger point in a theatre and the desire is to have it cut off from the auditorium as thoroughly as possible. The insurance men declare that the curtain at the Iroquois never worked perfectly and that the mechanism had not been repaired.

E. R. Wetmore of the insurance firm which placed the insurance on the Iroquois theatre declared the loss will not exceed $20,000. He also asserts that the spread of the flames to the auditorium was due to the failure of the asbestos curtain to work properly.

The financial loss is sustained almost entirely upon the interior decorations and the destruction of glass and seats, made by the crowd in its rush for the doors. Many decorations not burned were ruined by smoke and water. To build and furnish the theatre cost $450,000, and the proprietors believed it to be so entirely safe from damage by fire that they carried upon it insurance amounting to only $10,000.

The employes have issued a call to their striking drivers to return to work "irrespective of any previous affiliations with any and all organizations," and promising to protect them in all contingencies which may arise in the future.

Early last summer a prominent trade journal of Chicago criticized the construction of the Iroquois theatre because it lacked a shaft or flue at the back of the stage for carrying the flames and smoke upward from the auditorium in the event of fire.

The method of fire-proofing the balcony and the gallery was also declared by this magazine to be defective because metal lath was used in what is known as exposed construction, where heat would easily affect it. In modern fire-proof buildings this lath is buried in concrete.

Chief Musham of the fire department when asked today what would best prevent a repetition of the horror, said:

"I don't know as I can answer that question until an investigation has been made as to the causes of this fire. On the whole, I suppose it would be a good thing for the department to have active, uniformed men prepared to act, stationed in every theatre through every performance. I understand that New York has them and that they are paid by the managements of the theatres.

"They had a man in the Iroquois who was an ex-member of the Chicago fire department. He was old, but he should have known what to do. It seems to me that there is nothing in the world, at least nothing, that I can think of at the present moment, that can save lives when a thousand persons try to pass through on doorway at one time."

It was a cause of wonder to many people around the theatre building how so many physicians and so many trained nurses could arrive on the spot within so short a time. Dr. Herman Spalding, senior official in the City Health department, at the time the fire broke out, made all the arrangements for medical attendance.

"I telephoned to all the physicians in the downtown district," he said, "and to the hospital, nurse associations and schools for persons to assist in the aid of the injured. Employes telephoned to all the principal office buildings and told the operators at the switchboards to notify every physician in the building, while others telephoned to the nurses. There were over 100 physicians whom I personally knew at the fire and probably 150 nurses. There has never been as far as I have been aware, a call for so many physicians in Chicago at one time since the great fire. Within a few minutes physicians three and five miles from the down town district were offering their services.

Mayor Harrison was on his way to the southwest for a hunting trip and Comptroller McGann was acting mayor. It happened that the finance committee of the common council was in session when the extent of the disaster became known at City Hall. Mr. McGann at once walked into the committee room and was told by Chairman Mavor of the committee to direct the fire marshal, the chief of police and the commissioner of public works to proceed in the emergency without any restriction of any kind as to expense. He was told to do everything needful, spend all the money necessary and look to the council for his warrant. "We will be your authority for everything you do," said Alderman Mavor. A telegram was at once sent to Mayor Harrison informing him of the fire and it is expected that he will return from Oklahoma on the first train.

IGNORANT OF DISASTER.

One of the largest audiences ever seen in the Garrick theatre which is on the same street as the Iroquois, less than one block distant, sat in complete ignorance of the awful tragedy which was being enacted 200 feet from where they sat.

When the fire engines commenced to patter past the Garrick theatre, Schubert became fearful lest the impression that his theatre was on fire should spread in the audience. When the intermission between acts came he ordered the doors closed and refused to allow anyone to pass in or out, as he was determined that no knowledge of the fire should reach the audience.

LACKAYE'S WITTY SPEECH.

Wilton Lackaye, the star of the play now being presented at the Garrick, stepped before the curtain and entertained the audience for over five minutes with a witty speech which kept his hearers in continual laughter. The orchestra contributed its part toward diverting the audience and the curtain rose for the next act without anybody other than the theatre employes knowing that hundreds of lives were being sacrificed almost next door.

When the people filed out of the Garrick they were greeted at the door by hundreds of frantic men and women who anxiously scanned their faces to see if any of their friends were among them.

They were looking for members of their families and acquaintances who had gone to town simply to attend a theatre, without stating to what theatre they intended to go. There were many scenes of joyful recognition and astonished members of the Garrick audience were hugged and kissed in frantic delight by their relatives who up to that time had believed it possible that they were in the ghastly pile of dead lying within the doors of the Iroquois.

When the Rev. Fr. O'Brien of the Holy Name Cathedral, learned of the fire and heard that so many were dying he rushed into the old Tremont House which is now converted into the Northwestern University Law School, into which the victims had been taken, to administer the last sacrament to members of his church.

MOST EFFECTIVE SCENE.

He was followed an instant later by Bishop Muldoon. Finding that they were unable to attend the great number being brought in, Bishop Muldoon announced that he would give a general absolution to all the Catholics among the victims. This he did and the scene was most effective.

GAS EXPLODED

CHOKING FUMES BEAT DOWN IN WAVE OF DEATH.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—"There is a moon now," cried a little chap in the front row of the Iroquois theatre, as a curl of smoke and a tiny tongue of flame shot out from the wings to the right to the stage. It was just after the chorus had finished singing the moonlight song. The children clapped their hands in glee. Mothers laughed a bit, and the whole audience was in a fine humor.

But the tongue of flame reached out and caught a bit of inflammable scenery that hung over the centre of the stage. Instantly there was a larger ribon of flame. A calcium light on a stand six feet above the level of the stage had exploded and in a moment everything back of the footlights was a broad wave of fire that lighted the half-illuminated house with weird effects.

Eddie Foy stood out from the panic stricken group on the stage to assure the audience that there was no danger. Even as he spoke the great asbestos curtain was let down, caught on one side and failed to work. In another instant smoke burst out from under the arch of the stage and from under the bottom of the curtain, and before a man or woman in the seats could rise, the whole roof of the auditorium was ablaze. Two gas tanks exploded in the flies on the east side of the theatre and black choking fumes beat down in a wave of death from every wall.

Fear, uncontrollable and terrible, reigned. Men and women fought like wild beasts, filled only with the desire for self-preservation. Babies slipped from their mother's uplifted arms, and in an instant their lives were crushed under foot. Girls threw themselves from the balconies, and lay crushed and dying until suffocation ended their miseries.

Over 1000 people in the orchestra seats, with easy access to the doors, gradually made their escape to safety, but most of them threw aside wraps, pocketbooks, hats—everything that seemtd to burden them—in their rush for life and the open air.

In spite of the panic, in spite of the suffocation, nearly all of them were saved, but in the balcony and gallery the demon of destruction wrought his frightful work at will. The flames and smoke on these upper floors caught the people before they realized the full extent of the danger. It seemed incredible that the little rush of fire could lap the walls so quickly and reach out after them, like a stroke of lightning.

Then, when the full meaning of the disaster came to them, they fought with one another for safety, battled like stampeded animals, with the smoke curling about them, everything plunged into absolute darkness; not even a friendly lantern to show them the way out of this pit of death.

The classic outlines of the theatre, the beautiful plush hangings, the arched windows, with their stained glass, the stately pillars, became a morgue five minutes after the first little ribbon flame made its way along the stage. Women and girls in the gallery never had a chance for their lives. They met the end still seated in their chairs, their poor, impotent hands burnt into one commingled cinder at the sides of the seats they had grasped when the panic came.

Others who had manauged by strength of terror to get into the aisles found their awful ending in a mingled doom of smoke and fire and tearing of limbs in the aisles and in the open space back of the seats.

Dozens of others, swept, carried, dragged out to the stairways and even beyond them down to the landings, in actual sight of the daylight that streamed through the big front doors, in sight of the throngs outside with fire wagons and smoking horses, died in great masses seven or eight feet high, limbs mangled, clothing burnt off and faces caught in their last agonies, all turned toward the doors they could not reach.

GAS EXPLODED.

From windows at the north and west ends of the building they streamed, blinded by smoke and crazed beyond any possibility of helping themselves further by taking advantage of the aid extended them from the upper floors of the building facing the theatre.

Ladders, planks, ropes, poles, everything that could possibly serve to assist these poor creatures in their battle for life was rigged and turned into bridges, but very few got across alive.

Barely five minutes after the first alarm was turned in firemen were struggling into the theatre, making their way in some miraculous manner through the maddened mob that was pouring out of the auditorium, doing what little they could, not only to check the fire, which was fast turning the whole inner shell into a cauldron, but to rescue the frantic hundreds in the upper balcony by ladders stretched across from the main floor.

A few—30 at most—were rescued in this way, and then the firemen, after controlling the flames, abandoned their hose to go with the gathering police and make their way to the horrors that waited for them on the upper stairway and in the balcony exits.

Here was no more struggling, no more frantic haste. There were no men even among those most accustomed to scenes of destruction and mortality who could approach calmly those still masses. Time and time again they started toward the upper stairways, caught one another by the hands and cried like little children, stunned by the horror of it all. And still outside the main entrance to the building passers-by, attracted by the presence of fire engines, had no knowledge of the tearful disaster inside.

But when from the inside began to stream a procession of firemen, carrying charred remains of those who a little while before had been happy in the enjoyment of an afternoon's pleasure, the scene without changed as if by magic. From every business street of the city men whose wives and families had gone to the matinee streamed with white faces and eyes blinded with tears over to the theatre and screamed like madmen the names of those they were seeking.

Some of them found their loved ones safe, but still half crazed, in surrounding stores and hotels, others discovered them among the dead by some particle of dress, a half-charred hair ribbon, a shoe or a locket. Others are still searching and will continue to search before they can finally assure themselves that the happiness of their lives has been hopelessly blighted.

From every hospital in the city came ambulances, nurses and physicians, priests and Sisters of Mercy stood side by side with surgeons and great bands of women from St. Luke's, the Presbyterian and nearly every other hospital in the city, waiting patiently like soldiers till the moment they should be called on.

BROOKLYN HORROR

297 PERSONS LOST THEIR LIVES IN THAT FIRE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The fire which destroyed the Brooklyn theatre on Dec. 5, 1876, and carried with it the lives of 297 persons, will live in the memory of the theatrical public as next in horror to the Iroquois. An immense audience had assembled to see Kate Claxton present the then new mlodrama of "The Two Orphans." The theatre, regarded as the safest that building construction then permitted, was bright with new decorations and upholstery.

It was the scene at the boathouse of La Frochard, when Louise, the blind girl, was lying upon a pallet of straw, and over her was bending the brother. Miss Claxton's eyes were turned toward the flies, and she saw a flame flash out across, catching hold of the hundreds of ropes, floats and drops. Smoke shot out under the proscenium arch, and then came the rush for safety. Miss Claxton and her fellow-players never lost their heads. Advancing to the footlights they shouted to the audience to keep cool and remain seated. The effort was partially successful, until a man in the audience shouted, "It's time to get out of this!" The stampede was soon beyond all human power of stopping.

From the balcony and gallery to the foyer there was a stairway 15 feet wide, ample in ordinary times, and opening from the orchestra to the foyer were several large doors. But from the foyer to the lobby were only two great swinging doors, and these, insted of swinging outward, swung in. There had been no time or not enough presence of mind to open these doors, and th human tide beating against them wedged them shut beyond all hope of opening.

When, hours later, the firemen and policemen found bodies piled six and eight deep, they learned that in nearly half the cases, death had mercifully come before the flames. Eye witnesses from the stage related that, when the rush began, all semblance of order was lost as men, women and children fled shrieking for the only exit. Men crawled over the piles of struggling humanity only to perish at the doors.

That more lives were not lost was due to the presence of mind of the players and ushers. The players called on som of the persons in the front to follow them through the stage entrance, while an usher helped others to safety through a door leading into Johnson street. For nearly four hours after the theatre was in ruins, the police and firemen did not know there had been any loss of life. The first rush of the audience had carried many through the lobby doors, and when these had closed it was not known that behind them were the struggling hundreds.

"JOLLYING" BEALS

COUNCILMEN "KID" THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

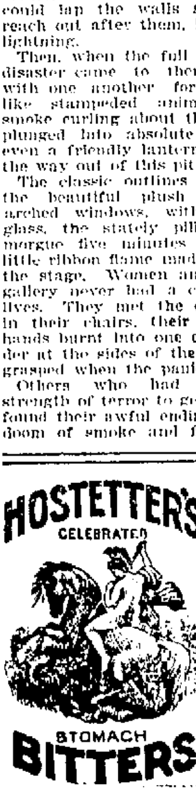
"Has anyone seen Cheney?" asked Supt. Beals in City Messenger Patter's office this morning.

"Councilman Cheney?" asked Councilman Welch, while the attendants gave the street superintendent the laugh.

"No, the mayor's Cheney," replied Mr. Beals.

"Mayor Cheney, did you say?" asked Councilman Hayes. "I think he is inside writing his inaugural."

And Supt. Beals retired in disgust.



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ITHACA, N. Y., Dec. 31.—Two children of Michael Casey, a wealthy retired business man—a boy of 10 and a girl of 13, are critically ill from eating candy believed to have contained Paris green. The candy was in a box delivered at the Casey home by a messenger boy to whom it was given by a mysterious veiled woman. Casey says he can throw no light on the mystery.

WOTTON-BUGBEE

Here's a Contest on the Dead

The cemetery trustees are having a quiet little fight among themselves when all other departments are quietly waiting for their fights to start.

The trouble with the custodians of the dear departed is over a superintendent of cemeteries. At present Charles Wotton is superintendent, holding his job at the pleasure of Messrs. Mountford and Stevens of the trustees.

Daniel Webster Bugbee, who was mentioned for one brief moment as a candidate for police commissioner, now comes to the front as a candidate for the position of superintendent of cemeteries, and he has the mayor behind him from all accounts, and the mayor has one vote in the board of trustees.

The term of Mr. Stevens is at an end and the mayor last week nominated as his successor Charles S. Copeland. Mr. Copeland is understood to be a Bugbee supporter, and in the event of his confirmation Mr. Bugbee would have the necessary two votes while Mr. Wotton would be out. But the board of aldermen neglected to take action on the appointment, undoubtedly for the best of reasons and thus Stevens and Wotton are still holding over.

WHIST PARTY

WANNALANCIT CLUB HELD FORTH LAST EVENING.

The Wannalancit Whist club met last evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Maguire, 22 Varney street, and from 8 to 10 the game was enjoyed. The lady's prize was won by Mrs. M. H. Reidy, the gentleman's prize went to Mr. James H. Kelley, and the booby to Mrs. James H. Kelley. At the conclusion of whist the guests repaired to the dining room, where a toothsome repast was partaken of, after which the remainder of the evening was passed in song and mirth.

Among the guests from out-of-town were Miss May Teague of Charlestown and Mr. James J. O'Malley of Boston. During the evening vocal selections were rendered by Miss Teague, Mr. Daniel S. O'Brien, B. F. Earley and E. F. Slattery; piano selections by Mrs. Dennis F. Devine, Miss Teague and Thomas M. Maguire. The program concluded with a popular selection by the famous Dugan band, the directors of which, Mr. Edward F. Slattery, had Creature beaten to a standstill, except for the expression of his hair. The guests departed at a seasonable hour loud in their praises of the hospitality of their entertainers.

FUNERALS

DOUVILLE—The funeral of Firmisse Douville took place yesterday, the funeral services being sung at St. Jean Baptiste's church. Rev. Fr. Lamothe, O. M. I., officiated, assisted by Rev. Fr. Campeau, O. M. I., and Rev. Fr. Diss, O. M. I., as deacon and sub-deacon. The choir under the direction of Dr. Caisse sang Perrault's mass, with Miss Alexander at the organ. The bearers were Oscar Lemire, Joseph Beausoleil, Aime Beausoliel, Elzear Dube, Adelard Lessard and Moise Morrissette. The body was entombed at St. Joseph's cemetery. Undertaker Albert had charge.

FITZGERALD—The funeral services of Winthrop F. Fitzgerald, who died in North Tewksbury, Dec. 26, took place at the residence of his uncle, John L. Moore, yesterday afternoon. Rev. Chas. L. Pierce of the North Tewks- was singing by Miss Alice Leith. The was singing by Miss Alice eLith. The bearers were George Jessup, Roland Fitzgerald, Malcolm Cameron, Hugh Cameron. Interment was in Lowell cemetery. J. W. Currier in charge.

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SHELL EXPLODED

Secret Service Men are Investigating

NEW YORK, Dec. 31—Secret service agents are investigating a mysterious explosion which occurred in the Midvale steel works in Nicetown recently, news of which has just become public, according to a Herald dispatch from Philadelphia. How the charge got into the shell is a mystery. By some persons it is believed to have been the work of conspirators who had in view the destruction of a battleship.

The steel works recently shipped a lot of projectiles to Boston, where they were delivered to the government officials and receipted for. Included in the lot were shells hollowed out so they could be charged with a high explosive. Some of them were found defective and were sent to the works and workmen set about to examine them carefully. One of the big shells resisted efforts to open it and after a couple of expert workmen had given up the task it was decided to break it open.

Hardly had the heavy hammers descended when the shell exploded. Fragments were scattered in all directions, yet the workmen nearby were not killed or seriously injured.

It was declared in Boston that the officials were positive the shell had not been loaded when it left their hands. The authorities in Washington were notified and secret service agents have since been working on the case.

GRAND COTILLON

GIVEN IN HONOR OF MISS ROOSEVELT.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31.—Mr. and Mrs. John R. McLean, last night gave a cotillion in honor of Miss Alice Roosevelt. The company was chosen from the younger set. The favors were simple in character and a dozen different forms were used in the various figures of the dance. The secretary of the treasury and Mrs. Shaw have announced that they will resume their social duties after Jan. 19 and their first public appearance after their period of mourning for Mr. Shaw's brother will be at the dinner given by the post-master general and Mrs. Payne in honor of President and Mrs. Roosevelt and the cabinet. Mr. Randall Hagnor, brother to Mrs. Roosevelt's social secretary, was married last night to Miss Anna Rice Lawrence daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Augustine Lawrence, at the home of the bride's parents in New York. Among the wedding presents was one from the President and Mrs. Roosevelt, with whom the groom was a great favorite.

The German Ambassador and Baroness von Sternburg will attend the German-American charity ball to be given in Philadelphia, Feb. 8.

COTTON FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Cotton futures opened weak. Jan. 12.85, March 13.05, April 13.05, May 13.16, June 13.03, July 13.07, Aug. 12.61, Oct., offered, 11.70.

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EXPLOSION IN FACTORY

CHICAGO, DEC. 31.—AN EXPLOSION OCCURRED TODAY ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF THE UNITED STATES FEATHER CO.'S FACTORY. TWENTY OR THIRTY MEN WERE AT WORK ON THE FLOOR AT THE TIME AND OF THESE AT LEAST ONE, DANIEL PHELAN, WHO JUMPED INTO AN ALLEY THROUGH A WINDOW, WAS KILLED. OTHERS OF THE WORKMEN WERE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN BURNED, THE NUMBER BEING UNCERTAIN. THE BUILDING WAS SOON A MASS OF FLAMES.

MAYOR COLLINS

GOT A GOOD SHARE OF REPUBLICAN VOTE.

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—By the official tabulation of the votes for mayor and street commissioner cast at the recent municipal election, which have just been completed by the board of election commissioners, the total number of ballots cast is shown to have been 80,188, which includes 2837 blanks for mayor and 8915 for street commissioner.

The total vote for Gen. Collins was 48,745 and for Mr. Swallow 22,369, making a total for these two candidate of 71,114. Of this total Gen. Collins received 68 per cent., while of the total number of ballots cast for mayor exclusive of blanks, his percentage was 63.

In the 10 republican wards Gen. Collins received 18,681, to 14,771 for Mr. Swallow. Of the total ballots cast for these two candidates, Gen. Collins received 55 per cent.

The vote for street commissioner was: For Mr. Gallivan 52,144; Mr. Allen 12,833; Mr. Mahoney, 4430; Mr. Fitzgerald 1840; scattering, 26; blanks, 8915; total number of ballots cast, 80,188. Mr. Gallivan's plurality was 39,311, while the plurality of Gen. Collins was 26,376.

The least number of votes cast for Gen. Collins in any ward was 1184 in ward 10, being 49 more than was cast for Mr. Swallow in that ward, and the highest number of votes cast for Gen. Collins was 2883 in ward 20, being 646 more than Mr. Swallow received in that ward. Mr. Swallow's lowest point was in ward 13, where he received 184 votes and his largest number of votes was 2177, cast in ward 20.

DEATHS

BROWN—Amos H. Brown died Dec. 29, at the country residence in Carver, Mass., of his daughter, Mrs. Isabel A. Fosdick, wife of Lucian J. Fosdick, aged 81 years, 10 months, 2 days.

Mr. Brown was born in Barton, spending his early days on his father's farm. At the age of 21 he came to Lowell, where he learned the mason's trade, later going into business for himself in this line.

SHINNERS—Rose J. Shinners, widow of the late Matthew Shinners, died at her home, 28 Wall street, yesterday afternoon. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. Joseph F. Dawson, and one son, Matthew F. Shinners, both of this city.

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JIBUTTIL, French Somaliland, Dec. 31.—The United States expedition to Abyssinia under Consul General Skinner of Marseilles, which arrived at Adis Abeba Dec. 21, has successfully carried out the principal features of the mission. A treaty between the United States and the empire of Ethiopia opening for the first time friendly commercial relations has been negotiated and signed. Emperor Menelik has also given his formal acceptance of the invitation to participate in the St. Louis exposition.

As a personal tribute from Emperor Menelik to President Roosevelt, Mr. Skinner has been charged to deliver to the president two lions and a pair of elephant tusks.

Each member of the American party has been tendered a decoration, the acceptance of which is held in abeyance, owing to the official character of the expedition.

The closing audience granted by Emperor Menelik to Mr. Skinner and the leaders of the American escort was of a particularly cordial character.

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THE SUN EXTRA

6 O'CLOCK

NATION'S SYMPATHY

For Friends of the Victims of Chicago Fire

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—The following message was received this morning:

"Washington, D. C., Dec. 31.

"Hon. Carter H. Harrison, Mayor, Chicago.

"In common with all our people throughout this land, I extend to you, to the people of Chicago, my deepest sympathy in the terrible catastrophe which has befallen them.

(Signed)

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

UNDER POLICE GUARD.

By order of Coroner Traeger, the theatre charnel house was today placed under a tight police guard. No person could enter without a written order from Chief of Police O'Neil. A detail of policemen went through the burned building from top to bottom. There were fears that in the basement, beneath ten feet of muddy water, would be found more victims. Big fire engines that before had deluged the place were today being utilized to draw forth the water from the basement while a dozen firemen in hip boots made a thorough search of the basement for bodies. None, however, was found. Thousands of the curious tried vainly to reach the scene of the fire. The police, however, permitted no loitering on either side of the street nearby. If they did the onlookers would have seen nothing out of the ordinary, for the exterior of the building was the same as before the fire.

Though serene without, the interior of the theatre marked it as a true whitened sepulchre. From the upper galleries the view seemed a reminder of a burned out volcano crater. In a saloon near the theatre was being guarded a huge pile of garments and furs gathered up in the theatre after the fire. Five bushel baskets were filled with the purses, gloves and handkerchiefs of the fleeing, terror-stricken women. Two barrels were needed to hold the overshoes and shoes found.

The greatest center of excitement today was not the theatre, but Rolston's morgue. All the morgues were surrounded but at Rolston's, where more bodies of the dead were taken than to any other, the scenes of anguish were worst. About the doors of the place were massed hundreds of men and surrounding them like a huge fan, spread hundreds of weeping women and children.

E. C. Frady, president of the Strober Piano Co., today after unceasing search through the morgue, found five dead of a theatre party of six headed by his wife. Each one was found at a different morgue. One is still missing. Those identified were Mrs. Lillian M. Frady, Mrs. J. H. Spindler (Mr. Frady's sister), Burdette Spindler, years old, Leon Frady, 10 years old. dy's mother-in-law died at St. e's hospital an hour after she was ught there. Mrs. William Rise, a ter of Frady, is still missing.

One of the most peculiar of the ntifications was that of the heads body of Boyer Alexander, eight ars old. The lad's father, Dr. W. D. xander of Washington Boulevard, sought his son all night long and ay in examining the headless corpse a child the physician identified it as boy's by a watch, a birthday pres- from the father.

itiful scene attended the identi- tion of Majorie Edwards, 14 years of Clinton, Ia. Her father, W. M. wards, who has been in Chicago on visit, identified the daughter's ter- ly burned body from a sample of cloth in her skirt which he carried his pocket.

LAW NOT VIOLATED.

ile the dead were being examined by s today the records of the city ing department were also being sely scrutinized. According to the ds of the building ordinance with re- rd to theatres was complied with in every particular in the construction of the Iroquois. The report of Inspector Edward Laughlin, is that no one of the provisions of the ordinance was violated. It was generally considered to be an absolutely fireproof structure. According to Benjamin H. Marshall, architect of the building and who is now on his way here from Philadelphia, the exits were more ample than usually planed for such buildings.

The Iroquois was provided with 27 double fire exits, but no wood was used and iron stairways were employed.

Messrs. Davis and Powers, managers of the Iroquois, have called a meeting of all the members of the Bluebeard company and a full statement will be made after a careful investigation. As to the report that there was a fire in the Iroquois three weeks ago and that the asbestos curtain refused to work on account of being coiled on ropes instead of wire, Messrs. Davis and Powers deny it. The facts are, according to them, that the curtain swayed the moment the 10 or 12 exits were thrown open, owing to the rush of air.

WILL PUNISH GUILTY.

Coroner Traeger has empanelled a jury. National Republican Committeeman Graeme Stewart, member of the firm of William M. Hoyt & Co., wholesale grocers was told by the coroner that the death of Mr. Hoyt's daughter, Mrs. F. Morton Fox and her three children would be taken as a basis for the investigation.

"If any persons are responsible for this fire," said the coroner, "they will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. We will leave no stone unturned in our efforts to fix the responsibility."

The coroner's jury is L. H. Meyer, secretary of the Kennedy Furniture Co.; [illegible] Peter Byrnes, salesman for Lyon and Healy; Walter Clingman, salesman for the [illegible] Furniture Co.; Joseph A. [illegible], manager of Browning, King & Co.; Geo. W. Atkins, creditman for Marshall, Field & Co.; John W. Fine, salesman for A. H. Revell & Co.

Mayor Harrison, who first heard of the theatre disaster at Kansas City, announced immediately on reaching Chicago today, his intention to issue a proclamation suggesting the closing down of all business Saturday which probably will be the general burial day and asking for the cessation of all unnecessary noises on that day. He said he would also issue a proclamation asking for the observance of perfect quiet on New Year's eve: that the people forego the usual New Year's celebration.

Asked as to the probable cause of the fire, the mayor gave it as his opinion that the Iroquois was the safest theatre in Chicago and that if the asbestos curtain had not failed to work the disaster would not have occurred. He lays the cause entirely to that one fact. With reference to placing the blame, the mayor said that he could not make any statement until after the coroner made his report. He said further:

"I recommended to the council that an investigation should be made looking to the fire protection of the theatres. That recommendation was submitted to the judiciary committee, which has it in hand at the present time. The committee has not yet made a report and I can do nothing until I receive their report in the matter."

To Chief Musham, of the fire department, the mayor has given instructions to have placed in each theatre in the city two city firemen at the expense of the theatre, to guard against any repetition of the Iroquois disaster.

A list of descriptions of unidentified girls was compiled today in the office of Chief of Police O'Neil. The ages of the victims ranged from 9 years to 20 years. The number of unidentified dead girls on the list was 57. For several of the girls, the sole means of identification given was the color of bits of shoe-laces and that generally mentioned as "black." Others are scheduled as "burned beyond description, no age."

LIPTON'S OFFER.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Sir Thomas Lipton says he believes sympathy is best evidenced by helping the sufferers and that if a fund is opened in Chicago to assist those who have been deprived of their bread winners he will gladly contribute $500 or $1000.

JUROR COLLAPSED

AT SIGHT OF THE DEAD BODIES.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—No decrease is shown in fresh estimates of the dead and missing and injured in the Iroquois theatre fire. Continued sight of dead bodies lying huddled on the floors and tables of the various city morgues proved too much this afternoon for some of the jurors empanelled by Coroner Traeger. Several of the members of the jury objected to being forced to view the bodies and one juror, Joseph Cummings, practically collapsed at Rolstons' morgue where the jury was forced to step over the dead bodies in their tour of inspection.

NEWSPAPER MAN DEAD.

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—William Durant, treasurer of the Boston Transcript company and for nearly 70 years an employe of the Transcript, died today at his home in this city at the age of 88 years. He was one of the most prominent figures in the newspaper life of Boston.

ODELL AND PLATT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Gov. Odell on his arrival in the city today went immediately to the Fifth avenue hotel and paid a brief visit to the republican state headquarters in the hotel. At Senator Platt's office it was announced that a conference between Senator Platt and Gov. Odell would probably take place at the Fifth avenue hotel.

EIGHT INDICTED

BENCH WARRANTS FOR THESE OFFICIALS.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 31.—The grand jury which is investigating alleged corruption in Milwaukee city and county governments, today returned indictments against the following. Fred Henden, Jr., former inspector of the house of correction, two indictments; former Alderman Charles H. Havenor, former Alderman Charles J. Jungman; former Alderman Charles H Cooke; Alderman George Merrith, Alderman William Zimmerman, Alderman Valentine Jeslun, Supervisor Albert C. Bade. Bench warrants for the arrest of those indicted have been issued.

RECOMMEND CURTAILMENT.

MANCHESTER, Eng., Dec. 31.—A meeting of the committee of the federation of master cotton spinners today recommended that the mills should work forty hours per week instead of 55½ hours.

A TEMPORARY LULL.

TOKIO, Japan, Dec. 31. The completion of all the necessary preparations for eventualities has been followed by a temporary lull, pending the receipt of Russia's reply.

It is reported at Seoul that the Russian minister is trying by every means to induce the Korean court to grant Russia a lease of Masampho as a naval station.

The unrest in Southern Korea continues.

DANGER ABATING

Not Much Fear of Clash With Colombia

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—State department advices of recent date all go to show that the danger of a hostile clash with Colombia is abating and these, taken in connection with Minister Beaupre's courteous treatment by the Colombian officials on his way home, tend to confirm the official impression here that there is now no danger of failure to reach a satisfactory adjustment of whatever issues may exist between the United States and Colombia. For one thing it appears that the seaboard states of Colombia have come to realize that in the event of hostilities they would be the greatest sufferers by contact with a naval force, while the politicians of Bogota two weeks distant from the sea, would have little at stake.

LOCAL THEATRES

Visited by the State Inspectors

State Inspectors Henry J. Bardwell and Frank G. Wasley made a tour of the different theatres in the city today, to see how they were equipped with asbestos curtains and fire escapes. At the Academy of Music the inspectors found that everything was in first class shape and that the asbestos curtain could be lowered with wonderful rapidity in case of a fire, shutting the stage off from the rest of the theatre. The curtain is worked on a ratchet arrangement. In case of a fire on the stage a rope is pulled which releases the ratchet and shoots the curtain to the floor almost instantly. The curtain lowers until the rope is released. Whenever the rope is released the curtain stops.

The fire escapes were also found to be in first class shape, there being plenty of exits for the occupants of the theatre to escape in case of a fire. Manager Murphy was congratulated by the inspectors on the fine arrangement of the house in case of a fire.

At the Casto theatre the curtain and fire escapes were also found to be in first class order.

In several of the other show houses, however, the management were notified to make needed improvements in order to facilitate in the exit of people in case of fire.

Another order which the inspectors gave to the management of all the local theatres was that the asbestos curtains must be lowered every morning in order to be sure that they are in perfect working order in case that necessity should demand their use.

CORN ADVANCED

Shorts Made Efforts to Cover

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 31.—During the closing hour on change today December corn advanced 14 cents over yesterday's close. The frantic efforts of shorts to cover caused the option to advance to 60 cents at close and that was made the settling price. The short interest was estimated at from $50,000 to $200,000.

COMMITTED SUICIDE.

CHELSEA, Mass., Dec. 31.—John Ames, a leading druggist of this city, shot himself through the head today in the cellar of his house. He was 52 years old and lived with his wife and two children. No cause can be assigned.

$10,000 BLAZE

In Dry Goods Store in Lawrence

LAWRENCE, Mass., Dec. 31.—Fire caused $10,000 loss at the dry goods store of Byron Truell company this afternoon. The blaze started on the third floor in a sewing room from a gas stop. It spread rapidly to the other floors and did considerable damage.

SINCE THE WAR

Annual Ball by Colored Folk at Ayer

The Lincoln Mutual Benefit association, an organization composed of colored people, will hold its annual ball at Ayer Junction tomorrow evening. This fact is worthy of mention because the function is one of the most historic in this section of the country. It dates back to the end of the Civil war and it calls together colored people for miles around.

The ball was held, originally, under the auspices of the Emancipation club. That club, however, has been absorbed by the Lincoln Mutual Benefit association and that organization will manage the affair tomorrow night. As far back as any member of the Lowell police force can remember, officers from this city, on the first night of January, have received two days' pay for services at the colored ball at Ayer Junction.

Deputy Welch and Officer Hickson were the officers chosen by the club for four years in succession. Of late years the club has narrowed down to one officer from Lowell and the selection this year was Officer Hessian. The secretary of the association called at the police station yesterday and asked to have that officer detailed for duty at Ayer Junction tomorrow night. "We will give him two days' pay, defray his expenses and give him a good supper," he said.

GUNBOAT VICKSBURG ARRIVES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—A cable message to the navy department today announces the arrival of the gunboat Vicksburg at Chemulpo, Korea, where she is expected to remain for sometime for the protection of American interests.

GRANTED A DIVORCE.

BATH, Me., Dec. 31.—A divorce was granted Aramede L. Corbin, a former Bath girl, again Rutherford Corbin, son of General H. C. Corbin, U. S. A., by Associate Justice Sewall C. Strout, in the supreme court today. The cause alleged in the suit was cruel and abusive treatment.

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Pure Leaf Lard........10c Lb.
Fancy Smoked Shoulders........8c Lb.
Excellent Hamburg Steak........7c Lb.
10 lbs. Standard Granulated Sugar........49c

10 lb. pail Cooking Lard........85c
10 lbs. Pure Leaf Lard........95c
N. Y. Pea Beans........8c qt.
Good Pork........7c lb.
Fancy Breakfast Bacon........14c lb.
1 lb. pkg. Seeded Raisins........10c
1 lb. pkg. Currants........9c
1 lb. pkg. Mince Meat........7c
Cape Cranberries........8c qt.

2 lbs. Common Crackers........9c
2 lbs. Ginger Snaps........9c
Nic Nac Crackers........5c lb.
Lemon Crackers........5c lb.
Oyster Crackers........5c lb.
Tea Biscuits........8c lb.
Very Good Tea........20c lb.
Very Good Coffee........15c lb.
Very Best Java and Mocha Coffee........25c lb.

FREE With every purchase of 1 lb. of our Famous 40c Tea, we will give one package Uneeda Milk Biscuit and one package Zu Zu Snaps. FREE

HEAVY LOSSES

Caused by Fire During Year

Chief E. S. Hosmer and Assistant Chief James F. Norton of the local fire department, are now busily engaged in preparing the annual report for their department. The loss by fire this year will be very heavy, caused notably by two fires, the one on the Burbank block and the one in the Merrimack mills. This year's loss will be thousands of dollars in excess of the loss of last year.

The biggest loss during the year was to the Massachusetts cotton mills on the 27th of February, when their store house caught fire from the Burbank block blaze. The loss sustained by the Massachusetts reached $69,000. While the Burbank block fire on the 27th of February was the biggest fire of the year the loss to the property was by no means the greatest, there being two other fires in which the losses were larger.

The fire in the Burbank block in Prescott street, owned by H. B. Shattuck & Sons, was discovered early on the morning of the 27th of February, by a police officer and the first alarm from box 13 was pulled in four minutes before 3 o'clock. When Chief Hosmer arrived on the scene he found that the fire was gaining rapidly and eight minutes after the first alarm was pulled in a second alarm was ordered, and as the block was surrounded by buildings on three sides a third or general alarm was pulled in three minutes after the second alarm. The whole interior of the building was burned out and Sarah Kittredge, an elderly woman who occupied a room on the fourth floor, was burned to death. A number of the other occupants of the building were badly burned while many had narrow escapes. The loss on this building amounted to $23,112.83.

Sparks from this building set fire to the storehouse of the Massachusetts Cotton Co., in the rear and the loss to the contents of that building reached $69,000 which was the largest loss by fire during the year.

The second largest fire during the year was on the 18th of July at the Merrimack Mfg. Co. This fire started in the coal bunkers on the Tilden street side of the mill and had been burning for several days. The fire department of the mill had been coping with the fire until almost exhausted and on Saturday night about 8.30 o'clock the fire department of the city was summoned from box 135, which was almost half a mile distant from the fire. When Chief Hosmer arrived on the scene he saw that the fire had been burning for a considerable length of time and that it had grown to great proportions. Immediately after the first alarm had been pulled in a second alarm was ordered and for a number of hours the firemen fought the flames. This fire was especially dangerous owing to the fact that there were a number of carboys of chemical in the vicinity of the fire which if overheated threatened destruction to everyone within hundreds of feet of the fire. After a hard battle the fire was placed under control but not before $65,000 damage had been done.

The Tremont & Suffolk mills caught fire from the Merrimack and the loss to this corporation reached $33,000. Therefore while the Burbank block fire seemed to be the biggest fire of the year, in reality it was the third largest.

Among the other fires during the year in which the loss reached over $1500 were the following:

Jan. 12—J. M. Ghiz, fancy goods store in Merrimack street, property owned by A. C. Wheelock.

Jan. 15—Mrs. E. Tuttle residence in Hanks street.

May 26—Harry Coburn residence in Sixth street, property owned by J. M. G. Parker.

June 4—J. Gaynor residence, Tolman avenue, Pawtucketville.

July 4—Mrs. F. Goldenberg, building, Middlesex street, owned by Appleton Corp.

July 8—C. S. Merrill residence and barn, Westford street, corner of Osgood street.

July 18—Thomas H. Bolton harness store, property owned by Josiah Gates estate.

August 4—O. H. Stafford residence in Hildreth street.

Dec. 6—Davis and Sargent building in Middlesex street at which three alarms were pulled in.

Dec. 22—Bibault barn in Wilder street.

THE COTTON MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The recent heavy liquidation was continued in the cotton market today with trading very active. First prices were at a loss of 15 @ 32 points with August showing the greatest decline while the active months were 15 to 26 points lower. March sold at 13.01 and May and July at 13.05. The market rallied slightly after the opening but continued very irregular with prices showing little actual tendency.

BURGLARS ESCAPED

FIRED AT JANITOR AND HARVARD STUDENT.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 31.—Closely pursued by a Harvard student and janitor of the dormitory which they had been robbing, two burglars succeeded in escaping here today after they had fired several shots at the two men who were trying to capture them. No one was hit. The burglars were discovered by Janitor John Burns as they were leaving by fire escapes from Russell Hall. Joined by a student he chased them, but they disappeared through a side street, after having used their revolvers.

WALL STREET GOSSIP.

11 a. m.—Business was unusually light during the first hour and the tendency of prices was much confused. The variations either way were of the merest fraction and there was not enough demand nor forced selling to influence prices materially. Brooklyn Transit's loss of a point was regained. Chicago Union Traction pfd., declined 4, Realty pfd., 2 and Delaware and Hudson and Anaconda, 1. On the other hand Detroit Southern pfd., advanced 2 and Westinghouse Electric Union Traction 1.

Noon.—The market was dull and sluggish but firm. A rise of 1⅝ in Amalgamated contributed largely to the tone. New York Chicago & St. Louis first pfd., rose 2¼. Detroit Southern, 1¼ and Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis, 1. Railway Steel Spring pfd. and Minneapolis, St. Paul & Saulte St. Marie lost a point and Westinghouse Electric reacted 1¼. There were no other changes of note. Bonds were steady.

1 p. m.—The uninteresting character of the speculation caused a number of the room traders to withdraw entirely from the market. Trivial fluctuations only marked the dealings in the favored stocks.

RUSSIA'S REPLY

Nothing Definite Yet Decided Upon

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 31.—The foreign office declares nothing has yet been decided regarding Russia's reply to Japan. M. Kurine, the Japanese minister here, has been conferring actively with Foreign Minister Lamsdorff, notwithstanding the fact that the Japanese official is suffering severely from lumbago.

JAPAN STILL ACTIVE.

BERLIN, Dec. 31.—The far eastern situation has undergone no visible change since yesterday, according to official advices received here. Russia still withholds her reply and Japan continues to push the mobilization of her land forces. The solution, it is more than ever thought here, will be that Japan will occupy Korea unopposed by Russia.

BRITISH CRUISERS

WILL BE ORDERED TO GO TO CHINA.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The British third class cruisers Intrepid and Latona have been docked at Portsmouth in preparation for foreign service. It is understood that they will proceed to China.

It is asserted in Dublin that a number of naval reserve men of that district have been instructed to be in readiness to embark on the third class cruiser Melampus, of the mobilization of the reservists is ordered.

WAS FINED $10

Butcher Who Had "Bob" Veal

The suburban meat distributor upon whose carts the health department recently found four carcasses of "bob" veal was brought into police court this morning on complaint of Agent Knapp, charging him with violation of the health laws. He was given a private hearing and pleading guilty was fined $10. He promised not to do it again and hence his name is withheld from publication.

ORDERS ISSUED

INSPECTORS MUST VISIT ALL THEATRES.

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—As a result of the theatre fire calamity in Chicago yesterday, Chief Rufus R. Wade, of the Massachusetts state police today issued orders to his inspectors to make an immediate and thorough inspection of every theatre in the commonwealth outside of the city of Boston. The public statutes restrict his jurisdiction to points without Boston. More than 100 theatres are under Chief Wade's supervision.

Chief Wade said: "With our small force we cannot visit every theatre as often as we would wish. Today, however, I have sent out explicit orders to inspect every theatre at once and scrutinize it in the most rigid manner with a view of discovering whether every detail of the law is being observed."

Y. M. C. I. OFFICERS

WILL BE ELECTED THIS EVENING.

The Y. M. C. I. of Belvidere will held its election of officers this evening at its rooms and a lively though entirely friendly contest is on for the presidency of the organization. Mr. John H. Connors of the lands and buildings department is a prominent candidate for the position.

SECRETARY HAY BETTER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Secretary Hay's condition was today reported by his physician to be growing steadily better. Unless he takes fresh cold or some unlooked for complication arises, he soon will be able to leave his house.

IRON-OX

Tablets

For the Bowels.

Not purgative nor cathartic, but gently laxative and tonic. For sale by druggists, 25 cents.

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LOWELL'S GREATEST NEWSPAPER

ADMIRAL O'NEILL

NOTIFIED OF ALLEGED PLOT OF ANARCHISTS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Admiral O'Neill, chief of the bureau of ordnance, has had his attention called to a despatch emanating from Philadelphia giving the details of an alleged plot of anarchists to blow up the big guns of warships of the American navy by tampering with projectiles turned out by the Midvale Steel Works. The plot is said to have been discovered by an explosion of a projectile in the company's works which injured several of the workmen and which it was found to have been loaded with a high explosive.

The story is denied by Admiral O'Neill in the most emphatic manner. The only possible thing, he said, upon which such a despatch could be hinged, was following the explosion at Ionia Island which resulted in the death of several men, some shells were sent to the Midvale works to be rebanded and in the midst of the demoralization as a consequence of the explosion and loss of life a loaded shell was included in the plot. This was immediately discovered and the entire shipment returned to Ionia simply to relieve the Midvale people of any apprehension that might have existed in their minds as to the remainder. Admiral O'Neill insisted that no defective material ever had been received from the Midvale works.

GUNBOAT QUIROS

IS REPORTED TO BE AGROUND OFF BORNEO.

MANILA, Dec. 31.—The U. S. gunboat Quiros is reported aground on a reef off the coast of Borneo.

The Quiros is a single screw steamer of 400 tons and is commanded by Lieut. Francis Bounler.

WILL RECOVER

CHILD WHO WAS OPERATED UPON FOR CROUP.

The Elliott child, recently operated upon for croup by Dr. Field at the Lowell hospital, is now resting comfortably and is expected to recover.

BRYAN CASE POSTPONED.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 31.—Because William J. Bryan has not yet returned from Europe, the hearing on the application for his removal as executor of the estate of the late Philo S Bennett, was adjourned in the probate court today until January 12 by agreement of counsel. The application for removal is brought by Mrs. Grace I. Bennett, widow of the testator.

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6 O'CLOCK

GOOD TALKERS

Alleged Bogus Ad Solicitors in Court Today

They are Slick Appearing Fellows—One Was Found Not Guilty—Other Was Given Time to Help Himself

Thomas R. Roach, alias Thomas Matthews, and George Clayton Kennedy, the two young men arrested in Central street by Deputy Welch and Inspector Walsh, yesterday afternoon, on suspicion of being connected with a bogus advertising scheme, were arraigned before Judge Hadley in police court this forenoon and pleaded not guilty to joint complaints charging them with larceny.

Both are clean appearing young men and made a good showing in court. Their language was good and while they displayed great cleverness they did not manifest very great familiarity with court usages.

Both men gave the impression of having a generous knowledge of the ways of the world and at no time did they display any uneasiness. Deputy Welch tried to break down the fences that Roach built about himself but he found the walls impregnable. When it resolved itself into a battle of intellects, Roach was on hand with pretty answers and skilful evasions.

He refused to have his chum, Kennedy, connected with the advertising scheme and was even anxious to have all the responsibility placed on his own shoulders.

Judge Hadley found Kennedy not guilty and allowed Roach 24 hours in which to produce evidence to substantiate statements which he made today.

The six counts against the men were as follows: Dec. 29, larceny of $1 from Belle L. Donohoe; Dec. 30, larceny of $1.00 from Thomas Steel; Dec. 29, larceny of $2.00 from Henry Reynolds; Dec. 29, larceny of $2.00 from Warren T. Griffin; Dec. 29, larceny of $2.00 from Henry J. Dowd, and Dec. 29, larceny of $2.00 from S. Osterhout.

Belle Louise Donohoe, clerk at Clark's bakery, 467 Broadway, was the first witness. She identified Roach and said he called at the bakery Tuesday afternoon. "He asked for the proprietor," she said, "and I told him he was in another room. He told Mr. Clark that he was soliciting ads. for St. Patrick's church calendar and asked Mr. Clark to take space.

"Mr. Clark asked him how much it would be and he said $2.00. Mr. Clark said that was too much and after some bantering the defendant stated that he would split the difference and call it $1.00. He said he would sacrifice his commission to order to sell the space.

"He came to my desk and got one of Mr. Clark's cards and he wrote Mr. Clark's name on the skeleton calendar.

"He told me that Mr. Clark told him to collect $1.00 from me.

I paid him the dollar and asked him if Father William O'Brien had instructed him to collect for the ads. and he said yes. He said he would bring calendars around in a few days."

The defendant asked the witness if she was sure that he told her that the money for the calendar would be turned over to the church.

"You certainly did," replied Miss Donohue.

"Then you misunderstood me," he said.

Henry Reynolds told of Matthew's visit to his place of business, 495 Worthen street, Tuesday afternoon. The same representations were made to him, he said, relative to the calendar, and he understood from Matthews that the money would be devoted to the church. Mr. Reynolds paid him $2.

Thomas Steele, grocer, 986 Central street, said that Matthew called on him and sold him space on a calendar which he said was being gotten out by St. Peter's church.

Henry J. O'Dowd, carriage and harness dealer, said:

"The defendant, sitting down (Kennedy) came to me and told me that Eddie Cushing, proprietor of the Richardson house, had sent him to see me. He produced a sample copy of a hotel blotter and he told me that Mr. Cushing said I would take space. He told me that copies of the pad would be distributed in the rooms in the hotel, that one thousand copies would be distributed with the banks and that he would bring 20 copies to me. I paid him $2.

Dr. C. Bret Pool, with offices at 408 Middlesex street, told of the visit of the defendant to his office. The hotel blotter was explained and Matthews told the doctor that Eddie Cushing of the Richardson hotel, had sent him. Dr. Pool took space on the blotter but did not pay any money.

The testimony of other witnesses including Warren T. Griffin and Fred S. Osterhout, was similar in character but did not implicate Kennedy.

When it came time for the defendants to tell their stories, counsel appeared for Kennedy. The latter took the stand.

"Your full name?" asked the deputy.

"George Clayton Kennedy."

"Have you solicited any ads. for calendars and blotters?"

"No, I have not. I did not know anything about the church calendars and I had nothing to do with the hotel blotter."

"What are you doing in Lowell?"

"I came here to see a lady friend."

"Where do you live?"

"My home is in Montreal."

When did you come to Lowell?"

"I came here Christmas eve and returned on Christmas day. I returned to Lowell Saturday night with Mr. Roche and we have both occupied the same room since.

"Monday morning he came to me and told me that Mr. Cushing had given his consent to the publication of a blotter. I told him to go ahead and get it out, that it didn't make any difference to me."

Roach was called.

"Your full name?" asked the court.

"Thomas A. Roach."

"Have you any other name?"

"I sometimes call myself Matthews."

"Why is that?"

"My stepmother's name was Matthews, and I like the name much better than I do the name of Roach. I have often thought I would apply to the legislature to have it changed."

"Why do you like the name of Matthews better than Roach?"

"I think it sounds nicer, at any rate I like it better."

Roach declared to the court that he was honest in his intentions in every way and that there was money in the publication of the calendars and blotters and that he did not tell any of the persons he solicited that the proceeds of the calendars would go to the church. He said he had gotten out hotel blotters in this city about five years ago, for the St. Charles and Richardson hotels.

When asked if he could name anybody who would identify him as the publisher of hotel blotters in this city, five years ago, he replied that he had forgotten the names of those with whom he had had dealings.

He couldn't remember the name of the proprietor of the St. Charles hotel and neither could he recall the name of the printer who did his work for him. Judge Hadley gave him until tomorrow morning to locate somebody who knew him when he was here five years ago.

There was not sufficient evidence to hold Kennedy and he was discharged.

FOR ILLEGAL KEEPING.

Cornelius Mahoney, charged with illegal keeping liquor, pleaded guilty and paid a fine of $50. The case of Edward Connolly, charged with illegal keeping, was continued one week.

FOR DRUNKENNESS.

Owen F. Riley, workhouse, six months; John Martin, workhouse, three months; Joseph McManimon was fined $6 and Bridget Murray was placed on probation.

PAWNBROKER'S GRAFT.

John H. Flynn, a young man who has the drink habit pretty well established, called at T. Kelley's pawnshop in Middlesex street a few days ago and sold another man's pay. He was under the influence of liquor at the time.

The case was called in police court today and Flynn pleaded guilty. The case had been settled by his folks. The pawnbroker acknowledged that he had received $10 and he also admitted that he had given Flynn about $5. Flynn was under a suspended sentence. The suspension of his sentence was revoked and he stood committed to the state farm. The charge of drunkenness and the larceny charge were placed on file. Flynn appealed from the state farm sentence. When he made this statement the other cases were taken from the file and besides the state farm sentence he was given two months to the common jail. He also appealed from that sentence and was ordered in $400 for the superior court. "You can't beat the pawnbroker-police alliance," murmured Flynn as he resumed his seat in the dock.

HER CASE CONTINUED.

Katherine Shea, the little girl who left her home in Coburn street and went to Lawrence a few days ago, was in police court today, having been arrested in Lawrence by Agent Richardson of the Humane society and Officer Lanen of that city, last evening. She was charged with being a stubborn child and her case was continued to tomorrow.

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EX-GOV. GOODELL

HAS BEEN SUED FOR $5,000 DAMAGES.

NASHUA, N. H., Dec. 31.—A local law firm, acting for William H. Wood of Meriden, Conn., has attached real estate of ex-Gov. David H. Goodell of Antrim, the celebrated temperance reformer, in a suit for $5000 damages.

Mr. Wood is a representative of a large silverware establishment in Meriden, and his proceedings against Gov. Goodell grew out of his claim that during a recent visit he was unlawfully detained and virtually placed under arrest in Gov. Goodell's office by sheriffs without the proper papers.

He alleges that Gov. Goodell was responsible for the act. The writ is returnable at the January term of the superior court at Manchester.

CUTTING ICE

GAGE CO. BEGINS HARVESTING ON MERRIMACK.

The Gage Ice company began its work of harvesting ice on the Merrimack river yesterday and two horses were used in the afternoon marking off the squares to be cut. The cutting is being done just off the lower ice houses in Pawtucket street, much nearer the falls than last year.

WATCH BLUE LIGHTS

ATTEMPT TO BLACKMAIL PRESIDENT MELLEN.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 31.—Posted on the bulletin board yesterday so that the engineers of the New York, New Haven & Hartford road, who go out from this terminal could see it, appeared the following: "To engineers: Whenever you see a blue light on or near our tracks or right of way, stop at the first telegraph station and report the fact immediately to this office, giving the location of the light, and so forth. This does not apply to blue lights when used by the car inspectors or as spacing signals at stations." In the letter which was received by President Charles S. Mellen of the New Haven road about two weeks ago from what the road's officials regard as a gang of blackmailers, in which they demanded $10,000, it was stated that the appearance of a blue light on a telegraph pole on the line of the road meant that a package of $5000 should be thrown from the train at that point or there would be trouble. It was said that a gang of of outlaws from the west had come on here to blackmail the new president of the New Haven system. It was also stated that the robbers had designs on the valuable freight that is carried on the Adams express train, leaving New York every night at 11 o'clock and reaching this city at 1 a. m.

A NEW TRIAL

OF SLANDER SUIT AGAINST PERCIVAL CLEMENT.

BURLINGTON, Vt., Dec. 31.—A new trial in the action for slander brought by Samuel D. Wilson against Percival W. Clement, in which a verdict for the defendant was returned at the October term of the United States district court at Rutland, has been granted by Judge H. H. Wheeler. The petition for a new trial was made on the ground that H. P. Hullett of Salisbury, one of the jurors in the trial, was alleged to have been a political manager for Mr. Clement in his campaign for governor at the last state election. The case will come up at the February term of the United States circuit court in Burlington. Wilson alleges that Clement called him a murderer.

WATCHMAN MISSING

HE PROBABLY PERISHED IN A FIRE.

TURNERS FALLS, Mass., Dec. 31.—The large plant of the Turners Falls Lumber Co. at Riverside, in the town of Gill was burned today and George Hamilton, the night watchman is missing. It is believed that Hamilton lost his life in the flames. The machinery and 60,000 feet of finished lumber were destroyed and the total loss was $20,000, covered by insurance. The plant was leased by the Connecticut River Lumber Co.

SCHOONER WRECKED.

EASTPORT, Me., Dec. 31.—An unknown three-masted schooner was reported today as wrecked on Raccoon beach, situated on the easterly side of Campobello Island, during the heavy snowstorm of yesterday. No trace of the crew has been found although they probably obtained shelter in some fisherman's hut. The craft is believed to have been lumber laden from St. John as the steamer Aurora from Grand Manan reports passing large quantities of laths, shingles and wreckage supposed to have come from this wreck.

Mr. George Moustakis, a prominent fruit dealer of Brattleboro, Vt., is the guest of his brother, Costant Moustakis of this city.

THE FIRE RECORD

More Calls This Year Than Last

During the year 1903, which is now drawing to a close, the local fire department responded to 414 alarms of fire. One hundred and fifty-five were given from signal boxes, 162 were still alarms, 123 telephone alarms, and five were automatic. The no-school signal was given fifteen times. In addition to the above number there were a good many fires reported which the department did not respond to.

The largest number of fires occurred during the month of May, the department responding to 62 alarms, while 13 alarms during the month of June was the smallest number. The following is a list of the fires during the year, showing the month in which they occurred and what the signal was. In the table below, B stands for bell alarm, S for still alarm, T for telephone and A for automatic:

Month	B.	S.	T.	A.
January	14	17	11	—
February	12	9	9	1
March	10	21	10	—
April	16	16	14	1
May	15	23	24	—
June	6	4	3	—
July	25	14	9	1
August	7	9	6	1
September	10	10	11	1
October	11	15	12	—
November	15	12	12	—
December	15	12	1	—
Total	155	162	123	5

There were thirty-two more fires this year than last, the whole number of alarms during 1902 being 413 as compared with 445 this year. Last year there were nine more bell alarms and 10 more automatic alarms, but this year there were 31 more stills and 20 more telephone alarms than in 1902.

At the end of each month The Sun has published the fire alarms, therefore it is needless to go over the entire year. There were 28 alarms during the month of December, 15 being bell, 12 still and one telephone on the following days: Dec. 4, still; 5, two stills and box 325; 6, 42, 42 (second and third alarm); 7, still; 11, still; 12, still; 14, boxes 8 and 131 and a still; 16, 121; 18, 34 and a still; 19, 115, 52 and a still; 20, still; 22, boxes 225 and 81; 24, 216; 27, still; 28, 33; 29, still and telephone.

Are You Bilious?

It interferes with work, pleasure and happiness—everybody is so at times; in many cases it makes life a burden—the fault is with the stomach, liver and kidneys. An occasional dose of pills will remove the evil if you take

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Sold Everywhere. In boxes 10c. and 25c.

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ON DARK BLUE STAMPS.

100 stamps with 1 lb. 50c Baking Powder.
60 stamps with 1 lb. 50c Tea.
20 stamps with 1 lb. 20c Coffee.
5 stamps with 1 lb. 15c Butterine.
10 stamps with 1 pkg. 15c Force.
10 stamps with 1 pkg. Cero Fruto.
5 stamps with 1 pkg. 10c Presto.

ON GREEN TRADING STAMPS, BLUE DISCOUNT OR RED, WHITE AND BLUE.

50 stamps with 1 lb. 50c Baking Powder.
20 stamps with 1 lb. 50c Tea.
10 stamps with 1 lb. 20c Coffee.
5 stamps with 1 lb. 15c Butterine.
5 stamps with 1 pkg. 15c Force.
3 stamps with 1 pkg. 10c Presto.

Best Smoked Shoulders	9c lb.
Best Standard Tomatoes	3 cans 25c.
Challenge Milk	3 cans 25c
Best Canned Peas	3 cans 25c.
Best Canned Pears	10c. a can
Best Corned Beef	3c. to 6c. a lb.
Best Corned Pork Ribs	7c a lb.
Best Round Steak	2 lbs. 25c
Best Rump Butts	11c. a lb.
Best Sirloin Steak	12½c. to 20c. a lb.

BEST GLOBE BUTTERINE.

Good color; single pounds 15c.; tubs from 11c. a lb. up.

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Makes the hair grow, stops falling hair, cures dandruff. Will not darken blond hair.

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15 Cts.

One bottle will convince you that it is the most wonderful hair tonic on the market.

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ELLINGWOOD & CO., Druggists, Lowell

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KILLED HIMSELF

Bank President Committed Suicide

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—A man who registered last night as O. F. Abepellett, Albany, N. Y., was found dead in a bathroom of the Hotel Albemarle today. He had committed suicide by shooting. Later the body was identified as that of Otto Ahlman, president of the Bank of Staten Island, at Stapleton, S. I., for many years.

Ahlman was reputed to be wealthy and no cause can be learned for his suicide. The bank examiner visited Stapleton yesterday but thus far in his examination the books have been found correct. The bank is closed pending a further examination as Ahlman was said to be a large stockholder as well as its president.

COTTON MARKET.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 31.—Cotton opened easier today and about ten to 16 points lower. It subsequently rallied but was irregular and during the morning had an easy tendency. There was some excitement in the market during the afternoon, accompanied by nervousness. Prices eased, January and February touching 6.76. They rallied afterwards and advanced, January and February going to 6.88. A firm feeling then prevailed but at the closing prices were from 8 to 13 points down.

STEAMER BROKE DOWN.

NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 31.—The steamer City of Newport, bound from Newport to Providence, broke down while off Gould Island today. Her machinery was disabled and whistling distress signals she anchored. Tugs from here towed the steamer to Providence.

DYSPEPSIA

"Having taken your wonderful "Cascarets" for three months and being entirely cured of stomach catarrh and dyspepsia, I think a word of praise is due to "Cascarets" for their wonderful composition. I have taken numerous other so-called remedies but without avail and I find that Cascarets relieve more in a day than all the others I have taken would in a year."
James McGune, 108 Mercer St., Jersey City, N. J.

Best for The Bowels

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Corrected to October 12, 1903. Trains leave Merrimack street depot, Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.43, 6.22, x6.42, *7.45, *8.50, *9.40, 11.00 a. m.; 1.40, 4.25, x5.44 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.45 a. m.

Trains leave Middlesex street station, Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.46, 6.28, *6.39, x6.45, w6.50, 7.01, *7.24, 7.31, *7.48, w*8.00, *8.57, w9.25, *9.50, w10.50, 11.05, *11.43 a. m.; w12.05, 12.14, w12.45, 1.41, *1.56, w2.30, x3.03, w*3.10, *3.47, w3.55, 4.28, w5.06, 6.22, x5.49, w*6.15, *6.22, w7.00, 7.29, w9.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, 6.30, 7.24, w8.15, 8.48, 9.20 a. m.; w12.05, w1.05, 4.25, w5.30, 5.58, w8.00 p. m.

For Lawrence, 6.28, w6.50, z7.31, w8.30, w9.25, w10.50 a. m.; w12.05, 1.28, w2.30, w3.55, w5.06, w6.15, w7.00, w9.25, wq11.25 p. m. Sundays, w8.18 a. m.; w12.05, w5.30 p. m.

For Salem, Mass., 7.31 a. m.; w12.05, 1.28, a2.30, a3.55, w5.06, 5.28 p. m.

For Haverhill, 6.28, 6.50, z7.31, 8.30, 9.25, 10.50 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, w3.55, w5.06, 6.15, 7.00, 9.25, q11.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.15 a. m.; 12.05, 5.30 p. m.

For Newburyport, Amesbury and Portsmouth, 6.28 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.55, 6.15 p. m.

For Exeter and Dover, 6.28, 6.50, z7.31, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.55, 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Rochester and Alton Bay, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.55 p. m. SUNDAYS 5.30 p. m.

For Somersworth, N. H., Saco, Old Orchard and Portland, 6.28, 6.50, z7.31, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 2.55 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Augusta, Bath, Waterville, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Lewiston, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 5.06 p. m.

For Skowhegan, 8.30 a. m.

For Bangor, Belfast and Rockland, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For St. John, N. B., Halifax, N. S., 5.06 p. m. (5.06 does not run Saturdays.) SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Eastport and St. John (via steamer from Portland,) on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 12.05 p. m.

For Castine, Deer Isle, Sedgwick, Bar Harbor, Jonesport, Machiasport (via steamer Frank Jones from Portland,) Tuesday and Friday at 5.06 p. m.

Last trip of season Oct. 30, 1903.

For Woburn, 6.28, 7.01, *7.48, 11.05 a. m.; 1.41, 4.28 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.48 a. m.; 4.25, 5.58 p. m.

For Ayer Junction, Stations on W. N. & P. and Fitchburg divisions, 7.07, 11.55 a. m.; 5.01 and 5.42 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2.15 p. m.

For Stations on W. N. & P. division, Nashua to Portland, Me., 9.03 a. m.; (3.40 p. m. to Rochester only.)

For Amherst, Milford and Wilton, 9.03 a. m.; 1.00, 3.40, 5.30 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2 p. m.

For Greenfield, Peterboro, Bennington, Hillsboro and Keene, 9.03 a. m.; 3.40 p. m. SUNDAYS, to Hillsboro, 2 p. m.

For Nashua, Manchester and Concord, 7.30, 9.03, 9.20, *10.39, a. m.; *12.00, 1.00, *1.20, 3.40, *5.30, 6.27, *8.10, *9.10 p. m. SUNDAYS, 10.02 a. m.; 2.00, 6.02, *8.10, *9.10 p. m.

For Franklin, Lebanon, White River Junction, 7.30, *9.20 a. m.; *12.00, *1.20 (to Franklin only,) 5.30, *b8.10 p. m.

For Warner, Bradford, Sunapee, Newport, (N. H.,) Claremont and Claremont Junction, 7.30 a. m.; 1.20 p. m.

For Stations on White Mt. Division, 9.33, *10.39 a. m.; 1.20 p. m. (5.30 p. m. to Plymouth); *b9.10, 9.04 p. m.

For St. Johnsbury and Lyndonville, via Wells River, *10.39 a. m.; *1.30, *b9.10 p. m.

For Montpelier, Essex Junction, Burlington, St. Albans, St. Johns and Montreal via Central Vermont line, *9.20 a. m.; *12.00, *b8.10 p. m.

For Montreal and Quebec, via Montreal and Boston Air line, *10.20 a. m.; *9.10 p. m.

QUEBEC EXPRESS, via Plymouth and Sherbrooke, *10.39 a. m.; *9.10 p. m. (daily except Saturdays.)

References:
aVia Wakefield Junction.
*Express. bDaily.
qWednesdays and Saturdays only.
wVia Western Division.
xVia Bedford, zVia Wilmington Junc.

D. J. FLANDERS, Gen. Pass. and Ticket Agent.
C. T. TAFT, General Agent, Lowell.

SPECIAL NOTICES

ALL pigeon fanciers interested in the organizing of a Homing club will please meet at the residence of Joseph Dyer, East Chelmsford, Sunday, Jan. 3, 1904, at 3 p. m.

THE FOLLOWING SAYS: That you can get a Doll Carriage, a Go-Cart or a handsome Doll with a pound of Tea or a two pounds of Coffee at Dickson's Tea Store, 68 Merrimack street.

THE SUN IN BOSTON—The two o'clock and five o'clock editions of The Sun are on sale every day at both newsstands in the Union station, Boston.

LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To all persons interested in the estate of Jane M. Chalters, late of Lowell, in said county, deceased:

Whereas, Georgietta Ritchie, executrix of the will of John P. Ritchie, who was the executor of the will of said deceased, has presented for allowance the first and final account of said John P. Ritchie's administration upon the estate of said deceased.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate court to be held at Cambridge, in said county, on the fifth day of January, A. D. 1904, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said Georgietta Ritchie is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day at least before said court, and by mailing, postpaid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, first Judge of said court, this sixteenth day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and three.

S. H. FOLSOM, Register.

HELP WANTED

BARBER wanted at 29 Fayette street. T. J. Smith.

WANTED—Table girl. 93 John street.

WANTED—Experienced solicitors to represent a reliable tea company to sell high grade tea, coffee, baking powder and soap; only those that have had experience and can furnish the best of references need apply; by mail. Alex Goldstein, 476 Merrimack street.

WANTED—Capable woman, Catholic preferred, as housekeeper in small family. Address W., Sun office.

WANTED—Machinist, one used to cotton machinery preferred. Apply to Hamilton Woolen Co., Amesbury, Mass.

WANTED—Barber at once. Apply 2 Gorham street.

WANTED—Experienced Waukenhose knitters; steady work. Apply W. H. Howard, manager, Gee building, 146 Fletcher street, Lowell.

WANTED—A woman to do light housework for a working family. 31 Union St.

WANTED—Girl to work in bakery. Apply 791 Central street, Wilcox's.

WANTED—Man used to wood business. Apply 41 Meade street, evenings.

WANTED—Girl to do general housework. 163 Market street.

WANTED—A housegirl. Mrs. Ames, 169 Pleasant street, Navy Yard.

RULER WANTED—A steady, reliable, first class paper ruler can have a life position in a Massachusetts coast city. Bank and corporation work. Man with family preferred. Address box 15, Lowell Sun office.

WANTED—A first class collector; state experience, age and salary expected. Address box 20, Sun office.

WANTED—Table girl at Mrs. Coughlin's, 712 Suffolk street.

ANY BUSINESS can be improved by advertising it in this column.

WANTED

SAVE 30 PER CENT.—Buy your butter at the Elwood Tea Co.; we get it fresh every week from Vermont creamery; also we have received a large lot of remnants of linen towels which we will offer cheap. The Elwood Tea and Coffee Co., Davis Sq.

A. O. U. W.—This is important; send your name, age and address to P. O. box 460, Lowell, Mass.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—White bull dog, brown spot on back, brown on ear; no name on collar. Return 22 Jewett street or 6 West Burnside street. Reward.

FOUND—Horse blanket. Owner may have by proving property, paying adv. 120 Fayette street.

LOST—Lady's fur boa at Lowell Junction Sunday at 6.15 p. m. Reward at 33 Phillips street. Tel. 962-3.

LOST—A sum of money Sunday between Chestnut street and St. Anne's church. Return to this office and receive reward.

MONEY TO LOAN

PAWNBROKER—Money to loan; money loaned on all valuable articles, clothing; rates reasonable. A. Stein, 243 Middlesex street, Lowell, Mass.

MONEY TO LOAN on furniture, pianos and all personal property. Private office. (Strictly confidential.) Room 5, Swan building, 26 Central street.

MONEY ON CREDIT without security. Boarding houses, retail merchants and salaried people; easy payments; lowest rates in the city. Merrimack Loan Co., 27 Associate building.

MONEY TO LOAN salaried people, retail merchants, teamsters, boarding houses, without security; easy payments; largest business in 42 principal cities. Tolman, Room 26, Associate building.

MONEY TO LOAN at short notice on furniture, pianos, etc. Leases paid off and more money advanced. All business strictly confidential. Address W. E. Leinbas, room 9, Barristers hall.

BUSINESS CHANCES

GREAT opportunity offered; $1000 for $150, $100 for $15. For particulars write American Oil & Coal Co., Seattle, Wash.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Cheap, on easy terms, the homestead of the late Samuel Greenwood, corner of Hale and Railroad streets, containing 8500 feet of land; well built cottage house in the best of repair; furnace heat, large barn and carriage house; room to put up a large block which would rent at a good profit; also an eight-room cottage house corner of Fay and Potter streets. Inquire of Greenwood Bros., china store, 241 Central street.

E. H. WHITE

Successor to Fish & Plummer

137 CENTRAL STREET

Our Motto: "Honest Representation, Fair Dealings, Justice to the Owner, Satisfaction to the Buyer."

$1100 buys a pretty little farm of 22 acres. Boston & Northern electrics pass the door. Farm borders on the Merrimack river. A bargain.

$650 buys a well stocked fruit and confectionery store on one of the leading business streets. Good stock and trade. Splendid stand.

$500 buys a nice Cigar and Tobacco Store on a busy street.

$1100 buys a 30-acre farm on line of electrics, 5 cent fare, extra nice set of buildings, rich land. Trout pond on farm. Near steam cars.

$1800 buys a beautiful residence in the Highlands, select neighborhood.

$25 per month pays the rent of an elegant residence on Dover street. Set tubs, bath, furnace heat, fruit trees, select

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—A square piano, [illegible] low, as owner is leaving town. Inquire Sun office.

FOR SALE—Handsome upright piano, but little used; leaving town; will sell for $125. C. A., Sun office.

FOR SALE—A blacksmith shop, tools and business; good tenant; stable; very easy terms. Inquire of Postmaster, South Billerica.

SLEIGH FOR SALE—A second-hand driving sleigh, cheap. Inquire at Goyette's paint shop, 286 Thorndike street.

FOR SALE—Horse and team, value $300, may be had for $175; private family preferred. Apply Sun office.

FOR SALE—Wood in large or small lots at the lowest possible prices. P. Cogger, 438 Riverside street. Telephone 462-2.

PUPS for sale at Mr. Lynch's, next house to Foster school, Tewksbury Centre.

FOR SALE—Carrots for horses by the barrel. C. H. Cutler, 694 Mammoth road, Dracut. Telephone connection.

FOR SALE—Restaurant doing a good business; a good investment; ill health the cause for wishing to sell. Call at [illegible] Gorham street.

FOR SALE—A variety store situated in a good business neighborhood, established trade of seven years; an exceptionally fine place for one who dressmakes; poor health of owner reason for selling. For all particulars, terms, etc., inquire of E. R. Donovan, room 1, Swan block, 26 Central street. It may be your opportunity.

RUBBER STAMPS at wholesale prices; 1-in. one line stamps 15c.; 1½ in., 20c; 35c ink pads, 25c; 25c ink pads, 15c; 50c linen markers 25c; business stamps, 15c per line. J. M. Fellows, 158 Merrimack street.

MISCELLANEOUS

MISS UPTON, clairvoyant, card reader, business medium. 81 Merrimack street.

TELEGRAPHY—A new class will open Jan. 1st. Anyone desiring to enter this class should apply to H. L. Whitten, 940 Gorham street.

HIGHLAND REMNANT STORE, 36 Pine street—We are showing a fine line of mercerized vestings, wash silks, Ottomans, Eddy silks, mercerized cheviots, basket goods, Barnaby ginghams for shirts, waists and suits; no finer line in the city and prices below all reason; there is nothing that will make any better Christmas present than a nice shirt waist; all colors guaranteed and patterns up to date; in fact, everything is the latest.

WOOD GIVEN AWAY—2½ miles out. Apply to depot master, Wamesit station. Must be cut and taken away at once.

MRS. ADAMS, clairvoyant and card reader and ladies' employment office. 354 Gorham street, opp. Court house.

W. E. WONG HO, 31 John street—All kinds of teas, children's toys, silks, China ware and fancy goods; low prices.

MADAME LENORE, clairvoyant and card reader, 71 Tyler street. Ladies 25c, gentlemen 50c. Hours 10 a. m. to 12 and 2 to 10 p. m.

DRESS GOODS REMNANTS, cheap, from the Merrimack woolen mills. Corner store, Lakeview avenue and Pleasant street, Navy Yard.

$5 GIVEN AWAY—$5 worth of trading stamps given away with 1 lb. of our best Baking Powder at 50c; $5 worth with one pound of any kind of our 50c or 60c Tea; $2 worth with one pound of our famous 35c Coffee; this tea and coffee is worthy of attention; they are the best ever offered for the money. The Elwood Tea & Coffee Co., 337 Thorndike street, Davis square.

HORSEMEN, ATTENTION—We are now prepared to shoe your horses in the most satisfactory and scientific manner, especially horses lamed by incorrect shoeing, at the reasonable low price of 4 new shoes for $1.00; we also keep in stock a line of hand-made shoes turned by L. J. Pudlen at the Fair Grounds sho[illegible] forge, 1051 Gorham street, Lowell.

PIANO OR ORGAN LE[illegible] home; special pains ta[illegible] or advanced pupils; will acce[illegible] any instrument for entertainments; [illegible] years of experience. Mabel Randall, Chelmsford Centre.

STOVES—New and second hand, bought, sold and exchanged. Reliable Furniture Co., 165 Middlesex street.

LIMBURG—Chimney expert; chimneys swept and repaired. Residence 1128 Bridge street. Telephone.

MUSIC—German zither music furnish at reasonable rates for concerts, dinn parties, church entertainments and hom socials. John C. Hansen, Bon Marc studio.

IF YOU WANT your mattresses over at your home call at 940 Centr

BUY YOUR HAT at Delorme's, you can have it cleaned free of c for one year. Repairing a specialty. Middlesex street.

SAVE MONEY by buying your papers and having your paperhan done at D. Baker & Co.'s, 150 Gorha We will paper your room with gilt for $2. Good workmanship guara send postal, will call with samples.

NEW AND SECOND HAND F TURE bought and sold; also fu moving done in a careful ma big bargains at our store. Me Bros., Merrimack street, opp. City

LADIES—Dr. LaFrance's Comp gives positive relief; powerful com tion; used by 200,000 women; pri cents; druggists or by mail. A LaFrance & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

MOTHERS—Bent's Destroyer kill on children and all insects; cures ruff and itching scalp, prevents f hair; harmless, 25c. Only at Falls kinshaw's, 418 Middlesex street.

TO LET

TO LET—Two rooms, furnished heated, for light housekeeping, use bath. 6 Stackpole street.

TO LET—In the Highlands, 42 Barclay street, off Bellevue street, a five-room flat, hot and cold water, bath. Apply at office of Bon Marche or after 6 p. m. at 38 Burtt street.

FOR RENT—In the Highlands, an upstairs flat of five rooms with bath. 178 Stevens street, near corner of Westford. Rent $14.

TO LET—Steam heated rooms, gas and bath. Wellman house, Centralville, 15 W 4th street.

TO LET—Middlesex street, 3 rooms, $6.50; Middlesex street, 2 rooms, $7; Middlesex street, 3 rooms, $7.50; close to Northern depot, 4 rooms, $8.50; Centralville, handy to mills, 3 rooms, $5.50; 5 rooms, $6.50; 5 rooms, $7.50; Concord street, 3 rooms, $6.50; house and barn and 3 acres of land on Hildreth street, $12.50; Chelmsford street, cottage and barn, $8. The above has been made extra snug and warm for the winter. T. H. Elliott, 64 Central St.

TO LET—At 108 Butterfield street, furnished room with steam heat, bath and gas; lady preferred; $1.50 per week.

TO RENT—Convenient 4-room tenement for small family. G. P. Walker, 964 Middlesex street.

TO LET—One 4-room and one 3-room tenement. Inquire at 51 Chestnut street.

TO LET—Small tenements, 634 Broadway; rent low.

TO LET—Blacksmith shop fully equipped ready for business. Apply at 355 Lincoln street.

TO LET—Tenement of 5 rooms with or without barn. 16 Lombard street.

TO LET—A desirable house on South Canton street, all modern improvements, steam heat. Inquire at 912 Middlesex St.

TENEMENTS in all parts of the city at all prices; we have several that will make extra warm, sunny homes for the winter. T. H. Elliott, 64 Central street.

TO LET—5, 6, 7-room tenements in good repair. 164 Lawrence street.

PARTIES

Visiting Boston can be accommodated with neat and cozy rooms by the day or week at moderate rates in most desirable location; privacy, quietness and undisturbed comfort guaranteed. Address or call at 65 Appleton street, telephone [illegible]

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SWORN CIRCULATION FOR NOVEMBER

The sworn daily average circulation of the Lowell Sun for the month of November, 1903, was

14,546

A gain of 1039 copies per day over the average for the year of 1902.

Sworn to by Martin H. Reidy, business manager, and Alfred Pilotte, pressman of The Sun, before me, December 1, 1903.

JOHN J. HOGAN, Notary Public.

☞ This is a larger circulation than the combined circulation of all the other daily papers in Lowell.

☞ An advertisement placed in The Sun is of more value to the advertiser than if it were inserted in all the other newspapers in Lowell, and the cost of inserting it in The Sun is about ONE THIRD the price charged by the other papers.

Get ready to swear off on all those bad habits.

A RISE IN REAL ESTATE VALUES EXPECTED.

Few subjects are of more interest to property owners at the present time than the value of real estate.

For five years past the value of real property in Lowell has been declining and now the best judges including the assessors are of the opinion that the lowest point has been reached and that during the coming year the tendency will be upward.

The causes of the depreciation of real estate are various and radical. One very positive cause is the decreased demand for tenements. An investigation might show that this was due to a period of dull business in which there was little to attract outsiders to Lowell as a centre of population.

Another cause of depreciation in tenement property is the influx of a certain element which, while adding to our population, did not add correspondingly to the volume of business or the demand for dwellings.

They congregated mainly in large blocks but scattered along certain streets, overcrowding the houses with the result that values if not rents dropped alarmingly.

These people dwell in colonies rather than in families and this explains the deterioration of property that results. Being mostly of the male sex, they do not seem to have any idea of establishing permanent homes.

This is a problem that should engage the attention not only of property owners but of the board of health as calculated to spread disease.

Another cause for the depreciation of real estate is the high tax-rate, the result of extravagance at city hall. With the high tax-rate few people care to hold vacant land if they can get rid of it to advantage; while the higher cost of building materials and the reduced demand for tenement and business places, have discouraged building operations to a great extent.

Things in this line have been so dull during the past two years that a business and a building revival are anticipated next year. A good administration at city hall, an enterprising spirit among our business men and con[illegible]ed prosperity among our local industries will go far to bring about the [illegible]hange and to send the value of real estate back to what it was [illegible] ten years ago.

THE ORIENTAL WAR AND ITS POSSIBILITIES.

To the people of this country it might seem of but little importance as to whether war breaks out between Russia and Japan, but of late the commerce of every great power is so dovetailed with the commerce of every other, that no warlike disturbance can prevail in one country without seriously affecting the commercial interests of all the others.

Hence the announcement that war between Japan and Russia is now in[illegible]itable causes the people of the United States to pause and inquire what is the real bone of contention.

A superficial view of the situation would indicate that Japan is the aggressor and that she is forcing the war upon Russia while the latter is [illegible]gly in favor of peace. But this is not the correct view of the case. The fact is that for many years Russia has been pushing her frontier onward. She has been looking for a coast line that would enable her to [illegible] a fleet to advantage.

For a long time she looked with covetous eye upon India, the granary of England; but that was too well guarded not only by British troops on land [illegible] by a formidable British navy so that here Russian territorial designs [illegible] thwarted and as a result Russia turned her attention to Manchuria [illegible] the coast line on the east of the Asiatic continent.

[illegible] spite of the protests of the other great powers, Russia constructed a [illegible]ontinental railroad through Siberia and to make that great enter[illegible] success, she must have Manchuria, she must have an ice free ter[illegible] on the eastern coast.

[illegible] is very plain, therefore, that in spite of all protests Russia has no [illegible]tion of relinquishing her hold upon Manchuria. Not only that, she [illegible] a continuous coast line from Port Arthur to Vladivostok, but Corea [illegible] between these two points and the natural outcome of Russia's advance [illegible] the coast would be to absorb Corea.

[illegible]his is the very thing that Japan is determined to prevent, because if [illegible] succeeded in establishing her sway on the eastern coast and over [illegible] she would soon be in a position not only to seize more Chinese terri[illegible] to cripple the commerce and power of Japan. Thus it appears that [illegible] Russia does not want war she in reality is the aggressor. It is natural [illegible] she would prefer to be allowed to seize new territory unmolested, but [illegible] from the present outlook she will have to conquer Japan before she [illegible] one step farther.

[illegible] Russia able to conquer Japan? If the battles were to be fought on [illegible] territory not far from Moscow or even at the Crimea, Russia would [illegible] short work of the doughty little insular empire of the Orient; but [illegible] a navy that so far as discipline and equipment are concerned is [illegible] to that of Russia. The Japanese admirals are men of great [illegible]tical ability. They have made great advances in the art of [illegible] since they whipped China and hence the Japanese fleet is [illegible] cope with any other second rate fleet of equal size in the [illegible]

[illegible] fleet is reported to be in poor condition, while the admirals [illegible]disciplined and inexperienced. There is slight probability [illegible]cessfully meet the Japanese fleet. But Russia must labor [illegible]dicap in conducting a war so far from her base of supplies. [illegible] days to cross the continent by the Siberian railroad and [illegible] Russia has no supply of coal nearer than the Ural moun[illegible]son she would be almost as badly off in conducting a [illegible] England was in conducting a war in South Africa. The [illegible] fleet could land supplies in South Africa in a shorter time than it will take Russia to transport supplies by the trans-continental railroad.

It is very plain, therefore, that in a war with Japan, Russia will not have things entirely as she wishes. China will aid Japan and England will also help her by sending ammunition and supplies and by permitting Japanese merchant vessels to register under the British flag.

France on the other hand is in sympathy with Russia, but it is doubtful if she will do much or if she can do much without violating the neutrality laws.

As for the United States she will have a squadron near the scene of hostilities to protect American interests and to preserve the open door of commerce.

The war would increase the price of commodities imported from the Orient while it would probably create a demand for certain kinds of American goods required by the belligerents during the progress of hostilities. There is very little chance that it will involve other powers. England can hardly be forced into another conflict at the present time and there is nothing at stake that would make it an object for France to join Russia in a fight for the possession of new territory to which she has no just claim.

For our own part we surmise that Russia will cease to push her claims in the east and thus temporarily at least avert a war with Japan. The latter is so anxious to fight, however, as the former is reluctant, so that it [illegible] and effective diplomatic work to clear the atmosphere and [illegible]

SEEN AND HEARD

There is no "snap" in a cold snap: it bites the just as well as the unjust.

Speaking of wrestling, the city fathers will have a championship wrestle with the finances in 1904 to keep the tax rate down.

The county of Middlesex is so poor that it couldn't afford to give the inmates at the Lowell jail a turkey dinner on Christmas day.

The Sun's crusade against street car advertisements deserves success, for many of these advertisements would not be tolerated in homes. If the advertisements cannot be wholly eliminated a censor should be appointed to cut out the doubtful and objectionable ones.

CRACKERS A LUXURY.

If the story I heard the other day is true, there's rum as well as whiskey for sale in Lowell. The fellow who told it was a very honest looking individual and the story was jokingly told. "There were six of us," he said, "about three weeks ago and we were about on our uppers. We pooled our issues and found we had 60 cents. So far as room and fire and one thing or another was concerned, we were well enough off, but we were hungry and agreed that it would be better to delegate one man to spend the 60 cents than it would be for all of us to go out. We decided that one man would be more judicious and we picked on the man who was forever talking economy. His name was Johnson and we all believed him to be a downright honest fellow and a good manager. Johnson took the money and despite our confidence in him our last words to him were "remember we can do without luxuries." Johnson returned in less than twenty minutes and we were tickled to death to see him. We had reason to suppose that we had made a wise move when we appointed him, but we changed our minds. Johnson after advancing and giving the counter sign, produced a pint bottle, filled with rum, and a dozen crackers. 'Comrades,' he said, drawing himself up to his full height, and he was a pretty tall fellow,, 'I owe you an apology. You told me to bring only the necessaries, but I couldn't resist the temptation to buy a few crackers.'"

SERGT. SHEA'S STORY.

John Shea, better known as Sergt. Shea, called at the police station Wednesday evening. John called of his own accord—he was visiting. While there an officer asked him to tell the story of the man whose son was a basketball player.

"That was funny," laughed John. "I had known Mr. M—— for quite a number of years and one day, just as I stepped from a little store in Market street with a basket in my hand, he approached me and said: 'Well, Mr. Shea, you're a very nice man. I have known you for a long while and I think a great deal of you.'

"I thanked him kindly for his very pleasing expressions and returned the compliment. I was about to take leave of him when he touched me on the arm and looking me straight in the eye, said to me: 'But there's one thing I can say that you haven't to say. I have a boy that's a basketball player. None of your boys are basketball players.'

"'No, I said, none of my boys are basketball players, but I have boys that go out and fight for their country.' I was good natured about it and gave him the glad hand when we parted. I had gone about two steps when I received a punch in the rear of my left ear that made me see stars. As soon as I had collected my scattered senses I dropped the basket, but when I did the man, who had a son who played basketball, ran away. All the consolation I had was in the thought that if his boy didn't have more pluck than his old man he'd make a mighty poor soldier. That's the story, so now give me a match," said John, and lighting his woodstock he strolled away.

MINSTREL SHOW

AT THE HIGHLAND CLUB TONIGHT.

There is to be an enjoyable gathering at the Highland club this evening, when a capital minstrel entertainment is to take place. The program arranged is one that promises to be of a very high order and as great attention has been paid to rehearsals there is every reason to anticipate that nothing will be wanting in its execution. From half past 9 until 1 o'clock dancing will be indulged in to the strains of a good orchestra. A general good time is expected, and the committee in charge are determined that no efforts shall be lacking on their part for the new year to be ushered with a heartiness that will long remain green in the memory of those who attend.

JULIA RICKS INSANE.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 31.—Miss Julia Ricks, who some time ago created a sensation in New York by demanding a large sum of money from Mrs. May Harrington Stello, the former wife of Dan R. Hanna, was yesterday adjudged insane by Acting Judge Schwab, and committed to the state asylum for the insane at Newburg.

ADAMS

BRUSSELS

RUGS

90c

Made from sample lengths of the five frame body brussels from the best carpet mills in the country. Fringe drawn into the ends and will not pull out.

ADAMS & CO.

Furniture-Carpets

174 Central St.

Appleton Bank Block

SOME CYCLE NEWS

Items of Interest About The Racers

"Major" Taylor, the colored whirlwind from Worcester, who has had more to contend with than any other rider on the track, owing to his color, is now living on the sunny side of Easy street and whenever he wishes to retire he can do so and live in style and comfort. During the past eight years the colored fellow has stored away $80,000, and is with probably one exception, the richest rider on the cycle track. He is the most prominent sprint rider in the world today.

The story of his career is well known. It is now three years since he went to Europe to race Jacquelin for the championship of the world, which he won. He traveled all over the old country in 1901, meeting all comers and was only beaten once.

In 1902 he went to Europe and was very successful, his winnings being about $20,000. While there he signed a contract to go back again for this year with a guarantee of $10,000 to start riding in July in Paris.

Last January Taylor went to Australia and before he started he received $5000 from a syndicate of promoters and a guarantee of $7500. In Australia he made a big hit. He left there the last of May to fill his engagement in Paris.

Taylor returned home the first of last October and was going to settle down and retire from the cycle game, but he again received an offer from Australia with a guarantee of $7500.

He cabled back, saying it was not enough money, but he would go for $8500. The offer was accepted and Taylor started from Worcester last month, taking with him his wife and father.

It is said that he has cleaned up in the last eight years about $80,000 in the cycle game.

Frank A. Gately, the well known motor expert, who was badly injured on last Decoration Day at Charles River park, when Harry Elkes was killed, has made out the following list which shows what some of the old-timers are doing:

Paul Bourullian, champion sprint rider of the world in 1897, is making a great success in Europe as an opera singer.

Jimmy Warburton (son of "Chappy," the man who brought out Michael), who was a pacemaker on the National track team at Charles River park in 1898, went to South Africa during the Boer war and was wounded at Ladysmith. He is now a prosperous hardware dealer in Johannesburg.

Charles W. Ridgeway of London, amateur middle distance champion of 1896, is with the Banker Brothers, selling automobiles. He expects to run an 80-horse-power car in the 1904 Gordon-Bennett cup race in Germany.

J. W. Stocks of Hull, England, champion high bicycle rider in 1888, and middle distance champion of Europe in 1896 and 1899, is in the automobile business in London.

Tom Linton is running a hotel in Paris, and is doing well.

Frank (Dutch) Waller is working in a cafe in London.

Eddie Bald is a bookmaker.

Tom Cooper is making automobiles in the west.

Barney Oldfield is racing automobiles.

Austin Crook is working for the Edison company in New York city.

Bob Miller is driving automobiles in St. Paul.

Al Newhouse and Bill Sherer are in the automobile business in New York.

Bill Tenzler is working for a private family as chauffeur.

Dudley Marks is in Boston with a manufacturing concern.

Orlando Stevens is in the fruit business in Oakland, Cal.

Edward Freeman is an artist for a newspaper in Newark, N. J.

Fred St. Onge is on the vaudeville stage doing a tramp bicycle act.

Pete Berlo is building motors in Boston.

Frank Butler has got a chicken farm up the state.

Harvey Hutchins is a dentist in this city.

The Clark boys are in the plumbing business in Boston.

A. A. Zimmerman is running a hotel in Freehold, N. J.

Tom Lynch is running an automobile station in California.

Baby Gibson is running a hat store in St. Louis.

Frank Mayo is working as a paper cutter in Boston.

Eddie McDuffie is running a touring car for a private family in New York.

Louis Mettling is in the west doing a bicycle act with Billy Bean of Cambridge. They will leave for Europe in March.

The Bicycling World of New York in commenting on some of the interesting incidents and comments on the six-day race that did not form part of the news, has the following in regard to Keegan and Moran:

The "Irish team"—Moran and Keegan—came in for a great deal of sympathy. They were penalized a lap as a result of the retirement of their respective partners, McLean and Turville, and, strive as they would, were not able to win it back. When, on Saturday evening, it was announced that they would be called from the track five minutes before the finish, there were cries of "Give them a chance!" from the galleries, and only the announcement that the rule making this necessary had been in force four successive years availed to still them.

There was considerable friction developed between the two men, although it never came to an open rupture. Keegan was wild to force the fighting all along the line in order to regain the lap. "Do or die" was his motto, meaning that he favored perpetual hammering away until a weak spot was found and a gain made. If they killed themselves in the attempt—figuratively speaking, of course—and failed, they were no worse off, as the best they could do was get eighth money, while if they were out two or three of the weaker teams it would be so much clear gain.

Moran, however, held that tactics of this kind were useless, that all must be lapped or none, and that only a sprint would win it. The two men wrangled over this for two days, and Moran finally carried his point.

There are not wanting good judges who think that Keegan's plan was the better and the more likely to succeed. A waiting game suited the leaders and did not suit the two lapped men. There were weak spots—notably the Frenchman and Monroe, and a determined and sustained assault might very easily have put an entirely different face on the matter. But the opportunity was lost, and Keegan and Moran had little to show for their long ride.

Money deposited this week in the Five Cents Savings bank begins to draw interest Saturday, Jan. 2nd.

IN FALL RIVER

CURTAILMENT IS NOT LIKELY YET.

FALL RIVER, Dec. 31.—Although there has been more or less talk during the last few days that some of the mills were contemplating running on short time there is not much probability of such action being taken at least for the present. Treasurers who are willing to talk on the subject state that they do not wish to curtail unless absolutely forced to do so by the condition of the cotton market. Actual cotton cannot be purchased today at less than 14½ cents a pound, and any great advances beyond this would prohibit the manufacture of goods with any chance of a profit. When the time arrives that a certain loss confronts the manufacturers of cotton cloth a curtailment movement might be resorted to, but agents say that that state of affairs has not been reached yet in this city and the policy will be to run the mills the full time if that is possible.

The non-delivery of cotton bought at lower prices than present quotations is the most serious factor in the situation at present and there is no doubt that there is a large quantity that should be coming forward that fails to arrive, and the sales notes representing this cotton have not been issued by one or two firms but are quite widely distributed. The southerner is a very unsatisfactory individual to do business with when the market is going against him and brokers are kept on the anxious seat wondering how many contracts are to be defaulted. Already steps are being taken to prevent a repetition of the complications which have come about because of this failure of southern firms and it is proposed to have uniform sale notes used by all the brokers with a margin posted at the time the contract is made.

MORE BAD MONEY

IS BEING CIRCULATED IN MA CHESTER.

MANCHESTER, Dec. 31.—Becau two men who are alleged to have pa ed counterfeit money in Manchest have been placed under lock and k is no reason that business men an citizens should be less cautious i the examination of the money the now receive. As proven by several cases reported to the police within th past few days, the bad bills are still "circulating" about the city, or else some other "shover of the queer" is getting in his fine work in the wake of Messrs. Wiggin and Wilson. Within a few days two $10 bills have been passed in local saloons and have been received without suspicion on the part of the proprietors until they came to bank their money and were informed by the bank experts that they were so much out.

This morning another $5 bill of the variety in imitation of the Morristown, N. J., Iron bank's paper was brought to the police station and placed in Chief Healey's collection of fine penwork exhibits. It was found by Grocer J. N. Lacourse of Manchester street in his money drawer, and he is unable to tell how he got it beyond the fact that it came in some time yesterday afternoon. The police are in doubt whether these late found bills were passed by counterfeiters or by some innocent person who received them when the flood of bad bills was spreading in Manchester, and who have kept them in circulation withou detecting their spurious nature. Th last bill found is as good an imitation as the others and had been wor ragged and soiled to make it appea that it had been in circulation a goo while.

HEAVY SENTENCE

JAMES BLAKE RECEIVED EIGHT YEARS.

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Dec. 31.—James Blake, alias John Lombard, recently convicted of assault with inten to kill on Chief of Police Maurice Fitzgerald of Ware, was yesterday sen tenced in the superior court to serv ht years in state prison.

For Colds

of all kinds—for Bronchitis, Coughs, La Grippe, Pleurisy, Pneumonia, Tonsilitis, and kindred ailments, the greatest of all remedies is

Johnson's Anodyne LINIMENT

Taken on sugar, or used externally, it quickly removes the inflammation which is at the bottom of all such troubles. Nearly a century of cures back of it. Price 25c; three times as much, 50c. All druggists. Copy of "Treatment for Diseases and care of the Sick-Room," free.

I. S. JOHNSON & CO.

222 Summer St., Boston, Mass.

Putnam & Son Co.

166 CENTRAL STREET

A Sale of Underwear, Hosiery an Winter Gloves

Here are some lots of seasonable goods for men and boys that have had quickstep prices pu to them.

In reading of this sale of winter goods it should be remembered that we don't sell trash. N unworthy thing finds a place in our store.

These are all regular stock—carefully selected—that we know to be the worthiest goods at firs prices that money could buy. They are worth as much today—to you—as they ever were, althoug you get them now for one-third to one-half less than yesterday.

Men's Wool Fleeced Underwear 35c

A handsome steel mixture, shirts made with broad satin fronts—shirts and drawers finished with pearl buttons, double seams, all sizes today, 30 to 46. Equal to any 69c garment sold—for only - - - **35c**

Men's Fine Fawn Jersey Underwear 35c

Full winter weight, shirts handsomely finished with silk front, pearl buttons and French neck. Drawers with deep English bands, patent gusset and buttons—sizes today 32 to 42. Were great value for 50c, the lot marked now - - **35c**

8 Dozens Boys' Lined Leather Gloves and mittens, with wool wrists—today all sizes—an excellent quality for 25c, all today marked - - - - - **19c**

18 Dozens Men's Heavy Leather Gloves and mittens, with wool wrists, the end of a large lot—today - - - - - - **25c**

Men's Fleeced Underwear 25c

The greatest value we ever advertised. Very heavy fleeced shirts and drawers, in the popular Jaeger mixture — shirts finely finished with French necks and pearl buttons. Drawers, self fronts and pearl buttons, twin needle seams and double cuffs—a regular 50c quality today for only - - - - - **25c**

Men's Lined and Unlined Leather Gloves with wool wrists or plain leather. A collection of several lots of 50c goods. All marked today - - - - - **39c**

10 Dozens Men's Winter Caps—double band golf shape, made from excellent all wool heavy cheviots—were 50c, today for **35c**

Boys' Fleece Lined Underwear 19c.

Twelve dozens only in this lot, but remarkable for the price. A neat brown mixture, nicely made with double seams and double cuffs—regular 25c goods for **19c**

Boys' Fleeced Underwear 25c.

In a handsome steel mixture Shirts and drawers finely finished with pearl buttons—shirts with handsome galloon fronts, regular 38c quality for - - - - - **25c**

6 Dozens Boys' Genuine Mohair Tams,

the quality sold everywhere for 75c The remainder of our last purchase today **37½c**

Nine Hundred Pairs Men's Heavy Wool Stockings

for one-third off the price—these represent all that we have left of several thousand pairs of Black, Camel's hair and Oxford half hose; this class of goods is sold everywhere for 15c to 20c a pair—we shall close this lot for - . . . . . . **10c a Pair**

CHICAGO HORROR

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in caring for the wants of Wages are to have no con-

"ALBERT YOUNG."

BOTH DERANGED.

after the alarm of fire had been Miss Irene Humphrey, a mem- he Bluebeard company, escaped theatre in her stage costume. of Miss Humphrey, Helen Wall, the theatre by another direc- he same time. Each of the wo- ght that her cousin had been in- killed in the fire and frantically be permitted to return to the Before either could learn of the safety both became temporarily d. They were taken to the Sara- tel and although both are still ed, neither of them received seri- uries. They were from New York d not been separated since the y left that city.

MADE THEIR ESCAPE.

f the first persons that succeeded ing out of the tomb of fire and were little Joe Graham, 12 years d Dorothy Bour, a companion of une age, from Woodland park. al girl saved them. They were n the parquette 10 rows back from e.

Eddie Foy stepped to the front stage and told us to keep still we we could get out despite his as- s that there was no danger," said "Four women fainted near me rly all the others seemed dazed sat still. We got up and kicked he doors open. I think a lot of the n the theatre could have come. hey had not been so scared. When outside we waited until they a dead man out and then we for home."

LAYMATES SEPARATED.

e separated two little girls who playmates for life. One of them unhurt and ran to her father's arby, where an hour later she nied him to the morgue, where e playmate had been taken. The was saved was the daughter of Parker, superintendent of the Pla- Manufacturing company, while panion who was knocked down mpled on and killed was the of W. R. Davis, head foreman me company. The girls had been theatre together and when the cry unded they began to make their ard the exits on the main floor. hand they struggled with the til a man whom the Parker girl s as weighing 200 pounds, dashed them. This separated them and s girl was lost in the crowd and

NOT FIRST FIRE.

hands of the theatre said today e fire of today was the second nd occurred in the theatre since ing, something over a month ago. weeks ago last Sunday they de- re broke out in the dressing room th the stage, but it was extin- without coming to the knowledge udience. Slight damage was done al dressing rooms and a number mes were destroyed before the ere extinguished. The fire de- was not called and no report of was made to the city authori-

ans there a busier night in Chi- r last. All night long hundreds were going between the police d the hospitals and the morgue ne and then the other, then back seeking news of missing friends relatives and trying to identify the

he central police station within one e-half squares from the theatre a policemen were kept busy all night g names and descriptions of miss- people. In the squad room of the n the lists of injured received from als and from police stations were to the crowd. The throngs were si- while the names were read except occasional outbreak of sobbing as ne recognized in the description, the or death, the name of a friend or e.

hospitals were all night long be- d by callers and eager question- er, the tele[illegible] In spite of all work of identification went lowly and at 2 o'clock this approximately one-fifth of es lying in the rooms of down dertakers had been recognized friends.

RIETORS' STATEMENT.

Davis and Harry J. Powers, rs of the Iroquois theatre, he following statement:

r as we have been able to as- s to the cause or causes of the fortunate accident of the fire Iroquois, it appears that one cenic draperies was noticed to gnited from some cause. It tected before it had reached an able flame. The city fireman etailed and constantly on duty he theatre is open, noticed it at e time as the electrician. The , who was only a few feet immediately pulled a tube of of which there were many bout the stage, and threw the s upon the blaze, which would een more than enough if the had been effective, to have ex- hed the flame at once, but for cause inherent in the tube of it had no effect. The fireman electrician then ordered the s curtain down and the fireman the contents of another tube of upon the blaze, with no better The commotion thus caused the alarm of the audience, who ately started for the exits, of which there were 25, of unusual width, all opening out and ready to the hand of any one reaching them. The draft thus caused it is believed, had before the curtain could be entirely lowered, produced a bellying of the asbestos curtain, causing a pressure on the guides against the solid brick wall of the proscenium, thus stopping its descent. Every effort was made by those on the stage to pull it down but the draft was so great, it seemed that the pressure against the proscenium wall and the friction caused thereby was so strong that they could not be overcome. The audience became panic stricken in their efforts to reach the exits and tripped and fell over each other and blocked the way. The audience was promptly admonished and importuned by persons employed on the stage and in the auditorium to be calm and avoid any rush, that the exits and facilities for emptying the theatre were ample to enable them to all get out without confusion. No expense or precaution was omitted to make the theatre as fireproof as it could be made, there being nothing combustible in the construction of the house except the trimmings and furnishings of the stage and auditorium. In the building of the theatre was sacrificed more space to aisles and exits than any theatre in America. The Iroquois theatre disaster was vastly more destructive to human life than any other playhouse fire in the history of the United States. The fire next to it in point of lives lost, occurred Dec. 5, 1876, in Conway's Brooklyn theatre, Brooklyn, N. Y., where 295 of the audience perished in the flames. The day after Christmas in 1881 while the play "The Bleeding Nun," was being performed in a theatre at Richmond, Va., a fire started that burned 75 persons to death, among them being the governor of the State, George W. Smith.

Occasional panics have occurred from time to time in Chicago theatres, started by false alarms in the theatre or by fire scares, but they had no loss of life.

In the great Chicago fire of 1871 the largest conflagration of modern times, in which 2124 acres were devastated, only 200 lives were lost so far as the most reliable information shows.

We Wish You

All

A Happy

and

Prosperous

ew Year

And thank you most heartily for your generous patronage the past year.

IDENTIFYING THE BODIES.

At 2 o'clock this morning, the men in the various undertaking establishments to which the dead had been taken had managed to arrange the bodies in something like order and the work of identification was greatly facilitated and moved with greater rapidity, after daylight when more people visited the morgues.

At Rolstons place at 22 Adams street 183 bodies were laid upon tables and floors, and when the police at about 2 o'clock opened their lines to allow the throng to enter, it required all their strength to stem the pressure that was brough to bear upon them as hundreds of people frantic with anxiety strove to be the first to enter the grewsome undertaking rooms. Scores of women fainted before they had gone a dozen steps, while men wholly unstrung staggered as they walked down the aisles and soon had to be assisted from the place by the police. The blankets were removed and the bodies were huddled in long lines on the floors. Thirty deep they lay in furrows, their ghastliness brought out by the glare of the electric lights. Here lay a gray-haired man, his features recognizable and the smoky pallor of his face showing a death from smoke suffocation. Nearby was the body of a child in Fauntleroy costume, his golden curls in vivid contrast to the scarlet color of his face from which every particle of the skin had been torn. His cheeks bore plainly the mark of boot heels, his chest was crushed and it was only too evident that his life had gone out under the heels of the frenzied throng around the doorways. There were dozens of bodies of young women and girls from 18 to 23 years of age. Many of them were elegantly dressed and their clothing or some trinket found will be the only guide to those who know them for their faces have been literally trampled into an unrecognizable mass. Some of the bodies were stripped entirely of clothing and with distorted limbs and mangled and charred features were seen in all their horror. In one respect they were alike. The left arm of nearly every victim was held stiff to the side while the right hand was outstretched as if warding off peril.

At Jordan's on Madison street the dead numbered 139. They were stretched upon the carpets of the little chapel and on the bare floors of the morgue below. The scene here varied only in minor details from the ghastliness seen under the electric lights at Rolstons.

To Sheldon's on West Madison street 41 dead were taken. At Carroll's Wells street, 17; at Gavin's, North Clark street, 49; at Buffum's, on Wabash avenue, 61, and at Perrigo's on State street, 29. Other morgues scattered throughout the city, received smaller numbers. At the county morgue 19 bodies had been received. Of these ten men and two little girls were identified.

PREPARING FOR INQUESTS.

Preparations were made at the morgues for the inquests which will begin today.

Many days will be spent in the inquiry into the fire and several juries will be empanelled in order to expedite matters. Each body has been numbered and the marks of identification placed in an envelope with a corresponding number, and in many cases a bit of scorched ribbon or a trinket may be the only means of establishing identity.

THOROUGH INVESTIGATION.

"We will make every effort to sift this matter to the bottom," said Coroner Traeger this morning. "Someone must be to blame and the fault will be placed where it belongs. If the undertakers are unable to care for all the bodies I will issue orders to throw open some hall where the dead may be placed to await identification."

All night long the crowds came and went around the morgues. There were the heads of families, brothers, sisters and men and women looking for those from outside cities who had been their guests. For hours they passed up and down before the long rows of dead, searching for the faces of th[illegible] ing.

SEARCH FOR CHILDR[illegible]

All night long search was [illegible] for Mary Dorothy Gartz, 12 y[illegible] and Barbara Gartz, four y[illegible] who attended the theatre w[illegible] aunt, Mrs. Adelaide Hopfelt[illegible] their bodies had not been fo[illegible] there seemed to be no doubt [illegible] children have perished. They [illegible] daughters of A. F. Gartz, a[illegible] nieces of R. T. Crane, the m[illegible] manufacturer of this city.

Mrs. Hopfelt was taken fr[illegible] theatre severely burned about [illegible] and shoulders. The children [illegible] lieved to have been caught in [illegible] from the balcony [illegible] trampled to death [illegible] 17 years [illegible]

years, and Willie, [illegible] of age, Harriet Wolfe, 10 years old, daughter of Ludwick Wolfe, a millionaire business man, and Miss Burke, a dressmaker, is missing. Mr. Wolfe's entire family searched all night through the hospitals and morgues but failed to find a trace of any member of the party.

Graeme Stewart, republican national committeeman from Illinois, spent the entire night hunting for Mrs. F. H. Fox of Winnetka, Ill., and her three children. Mrs. Fox is the daughter of W. M. Hoyt, who was president of the W. M. Hoyt Grocery Co., one of the wealthiest concerns of the kind in the west. Mrs. Fox was taken home but none of her children was found.

Mr. Stewart said the handkerchief of Hoyt Fox, 12 years old, has been found in the pockets of a suit upon the body of a boy at Rolstons morgue. There is no doubt that it is the boy although the features cannot be identified.

There was a pathetic scene at Rolstons morgue when the body of John Van Ingen, 18 years old, of Kenosha, Wis., was identified. Friends of the Van Ingen family had spent many hours searching at the request of Mr. and Mrs. Van Ingen, who were injured. Today four of the Van Ingen children who were believed to have perished in the fire had not been accounted for. They are: Grace, two years old; Dotty, 5 years; Mary, 10, and Edward, 20 years old.

A SAD SCENE.

One of the saddest of the many scenes enacted in Thompson's restaurant near the theatre, where many of the dead and wounded were taken after the fire, was the search by a party of priests and nuns, headed by the Rev. J. L. Holtinger of Ontonagon, Mich., for Edith Horten and her sister, two young girls who in company with one of the convent sisters had attended the performance. The body of Edith Horten was found in the restaurant, many of the nuns breaking down and weeping bitterly at the sight. The other Horten girl and the sister who accompanied them were not found.

Charles Dexter of the Boston baseball club, and Frank Hauseman, the old Chicago second baseman, with their families occupied a box. Both claim that but for the presence of mind of Eddie Foy the death roll would have been doubled.

When the panic began Dexter and Hauseman each made for and manned a door leading into the alley on the north side of the theatre. The people in the balconies had already commenced to jump to the ground floor when Hauseman and Dexter forced open their doors and they were compelled to lift away the maimed and the dead in order to permit of exits from the ground floor.

Hauseman having escorted his party out took a position at his door and kept it from choking up by assisting people through. Finally forced away by the flames, Hauseman got into the alley just in time to hear the agonized voice of a woman from the window in an upper gallery shrieking "Catch me." As the woman screamed she jumped and Hauseman catching her to the best of his ability broke her fall to the ground and she walked away uninjured.

WHOLE FAMILY DEAD.

Clinton G. Meeker, a clerk in the registry division of the post office, living in the suburb of Irving Park, has probably lost in the fire his entire family, consisting of his wife, two daughters and two sons.

A friend called Mr. Meeker up on the telephone at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and asked him if any of his family had gone to the theatre. He answered that so far as he knew none of them had left home. When he reached the house, however, he found only his mother-in-law there. "Where are Mabel and the children?" he asked.

"They have gone to the Iroquois theatre," was the reply.

"I dropped right down on my knees," said Mr. Meeker, "and prayed that God might spare them."

Today Mr. Meeker had partially identified the bodies of his wife and two daughters. He failed to find any trace of his two sons.

NEGLIGENCE CHARGED.

Among many of the theatrical men employed in the other Chicago theatres, the responsibility for the fire was ascribed today to the careless placing of electric arc light apparatus too close to one of the hanging borders of the scenery. The electrician of a leading Chicago theatre expressed great surprise on hearing that this was considered a possible cause of the fire.

"There would never have been any fire," he said, "if proper care had been exercised in handling the lights. The electric plant of the theatre was installed, as I happen to know, from personal observation, in accordance with every modern requirement for safety. The plant was not to blame. If the facts I have been given are correct, the whole blame rests on the person who placed or was operating a light so closely to the curtain."

PARTIAL LIST OF DEAD.

Following is a partial list of the dead:

HORTENSE LANG, 16.

IRENE LANG, 11, sister of above.

E. A. WILSON.

MRS. W. T. MARSH.

MISS GLADYS STREITON, Alphena, Mich.

LOUISE BUSHNELL.

MRS. A. LAKE, 33, identified at morgue.

MISS A. DONALDSON, 18 years old.

J. RATTLEY, died at hospital.

Before death he spoke of two boys who had been with him. Boys thought to have perished.

MRS. PATRICK O'DONNELL, wife of President O'Donnell of Duer Brewing company.

OTTO WALLMAN.

R. H. COULTS.

MISS D. HOWARD.

MISS ROSS, daughter of Dr. Ross.

EDITH NORTON.

HELEN McCANGHIAN with party of several High school girls in balcony.

MRS. F. A. MORRILL.

MRS. A. SULLIVAN.

MRS. MINWEGAN, wife of Alderman Minwegan.

MRS. HAUERBAUGH.

C. W. FORBUSH and family.

ANNA STERLING.

Three men employed among flies on stage, names unknown.

FLORLI[illegible] aerial performer [illegible]

MRS. FOREMAN.

WILLIAM BATTLEY, died in hospital.

J. C. JOHNSON, died in hospital.

WILLIAM REED, lawyer Waukegan, Ill.

HOYT FOX, body at morgue.

MRS. L. R. BUTLER.

S. WARDMAN.

EDMUND M. MORTON, agent Wagner Electric Manufacturing Co., St. Louis.

— NEWBY.

J. A. COCKEMS.

MRS. STERN.

H. DONALDSON.

THE REV. HOWARD STUDLEY, pastor of All Strangers' church.

MISS J. H DODD of Delaware, O.

MISS V. DELEE, daughter of late lieutenant of police.

W. W. HOOPER, Kenosa, Wis.

Five children of H. S. Van Ingen of Kenosha (probable). Father became separated from them and is among the injured.

MILDRED MERRIAM of Ohio, rescued by father, but died on reaching the street.

BERNICE BALLEY.

A. M. MANDEL.

C. A. WINSLOW, commercial traveller of Three Rivers, Minn.

BURR SCOTT.

FORNETTA PETERSON.

HARVEY KIELEY, St. Louis.

THOMAS COUTELL.

EMPERLY HALL.

THOMAS F. FLANAGAN, Indianapolis, Ind.

MRS. M. A. HENRY.

ROSE K. RODGERS.

H. P. MOORE.

C. L. COOPER.

MAY CURRAN.

"MARTIN," a boy of 15.

E. R. WILLIAMS.

B. REGANBERG.

ELLA LINDEN.

— HENDING, a boy.

WALTER B. EISLER.

— NEIR, member travelling passenger agents' association, carried check No. 13,231.

MRS. EMMA BRINKLEY.

RICHARD and ALLEN HOLST.

HAROLD MARTIN, Pullman, Ill.

JOHN HOLLAND.

LULU SHABBARD.

W. D. SPRANG.

CHARLES H. NOLL.

MRS. DAWSON.

— WHITEFOX, a boy.

WILLIAM BUTL.

ROBERT MARTIN, son of Principal Martin of Pullman school.

JOHN VAN IGNE, Kenosha, Wis.

WALTER BESSINGER, died at hospital.

MARGARET BUERMAN, died at hospital.

MRS. LEO WOLFF, Hammond, Ind., died at hospital.

ALICE KAUSMAN, died at hospital.

HELEN HOWARD, died at hospital.

HELEN COOPER, died at hospital.

B. E. GOULD, died at hospital.

MORTIMER ELDRIDGE.

HELEN BEYERSSLOTH, Evanston, Ill.

REV. HENRY L. RICHARDSON.

LOUIS KASNER and wife, said to have belonged to "Bluebeard" company.

REV. GEORGE H. DUDLEY, pastor of All Saints' Episcopal church.

WALTER B. ZEISLER, son of Dr. Zeisler of the University of Chicago.

LESTER DOTEY, son of L. B. Dotey of Illinois Steel company.

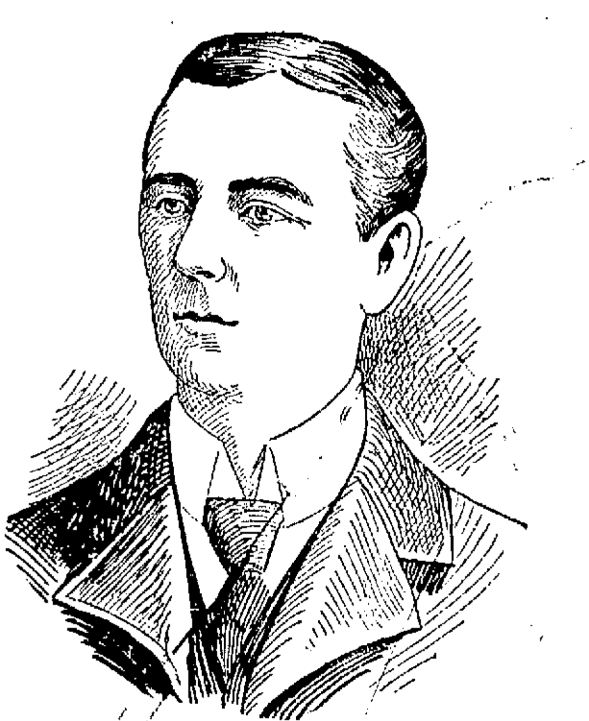
MRS. A. M. MENDEL, wife of a retired banker.

WALTER D. AUSTRAN, aged 11, son of Joseph D. Austran, president of the Lake Michigan Transportation company.

COMEDIAN FOY

TELLS THE STORY OF THE DISASTER.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Eddie Foy, principal comedian in the play, was one of the last to escape by getting out through a rear door after assisting the women members of the com-



EDDIE FOY LEADING COMEDIAN OF "MR. BLUEBEARD."

pany to safety. [illegible] went into the Sherman house [illegible] his stage costume [illegible] covered with grease and with his [illegible] to secure surgical attendance [illegible] some burns which he had sustain[illegible] the commencement of

In [illegible] Foy attributed the extent of [illegible] catastrophe to the failure of the [illegible] of curtains to work properly. [illegible] of this, he said the flames [illegible] obtained access to the main [illegible] the theatre and by the draft, [illegible] with it gas as well as fire, [illegible] up to the two balconies [illegible] of life [illegible] greatest.

that it would be better for all to leave quietly.

HOW THE COMPANY WAS SAVED.

"Then I stepped back and called for the asbestos curtain to be lowered. This, when about half way down, refused to go farther and thus an additional draft was created. This swept the flames out into the auditorium, and I knew the theatre was doomed.

"I hurried back to the stage and aided in getting the women members of the company into the alley. Some of them were in their dressing rooms and were almost overcome by smoke before they could get down to the stage and to the doors.

"The simple fact that the curtain did not descend entirely was what saved the lives of the company, although it caused such a horrible catastrophe in the front of the house. After the curtain had refused to descend there came the explosion of the gas tanks and with the curtain down all the fire and gas would have been confined between the rear wall of the theatre and the fireproof curtain in front. Under these circumstances it would not have been possible for a single member of the company to escape alive unless he or she had been standing immediately in front of the door leading into the alley. As it was, the draft carried all the gas and fire out before the curtain and the company was saved although their salvation was the death of so many poor people in front."

NEXT TO THE CHICAGO FIRE.

Rarely in the history of Chicago has its people been so stirred as by the calamity of yesterday. It is next to the Chicago fire, the greatest catastrophe that has ever occurred here, and the speed with which it came and went seemed for a brief period to appal the business section of the city. The news spread with great rapidity and in a short time hundreds of men, women and children were rushing toward the theatre.

The building in which the calamity occurred stands midway between State and Dearborn streets on the north side of Randolph street.

Although every available policeman within call of the department was immediately hurried to the spot and the men placed in lines at the end of the block, allowing nobody to enter Randolph street from either Dearborn or State, it was found for a time almost impossible to hold back the frenzied crowd that pressed forward, many of them having friends or relatives in the theatre and anxious to learn something of them.

The conduct of the police was beyond all praise. The officers held their ground firmly, and gently pushed back all those who sought to gain an entrance to the theatre, although in some instances frantic men, anxious to look for their loved ones, actually beat the officers with their fists in their rage at being prevented.

CARRIED OUT EIGHT WOMEN.

In spite of the efforts of the police, however, a large number of people succeeded in breaking through their lines and entering the theatre, and in many cases did heroic work in rescuing the injured and carrying out the dead. Among these was ex-Alderman Wm. H. Thompson, who, unaided, carried to the street the bodies of eight women. The first newspaper men upon the ground also carried out many of the dead and injured.

HOW THEY DIED

PEOPLE SUFFOCATED IN THEIR SEATS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—The classic interior of the theatre, the beautiful plush hangings, the arched windows with their stained glass, the stately pillars became a morgue five minutes after the first little ribbon of flame made its way along the stage. Women and girls in the gallery never had a chance for life. They met the end still seated in their theatre chairs, their poor impotent hands burnt into one cinder with the sides of the seats they had grasped when the panic came.

Others who had managed by the strength of terror to get into the aisles found their awful ending in smoke and fire and tearing of limbs in the passages and in the open space back of the seats. Dozens of others, swept, carried, dragged or thrown out to the stairways and even beyond them down to the landings in actual sight of day light that streamed through the big front doors, in sight of the throngs outside, the fire wagons and the smoking horses, died in great masses, seven and eight feet high, bodies mingled fearfully together, clothing burnt off and faces in their last agonies, all turned toward the doors they could not reach.

FOY

VED

ber of the [illegible] sat manfully at his post, [illegible] violin for dear life in [illegible] to drown the screams of the women.

Even as Foy assured the people there was no danger, the great asbestos curtain was let down, caught on one side and failed to work. In another instant smoke burst from the top arch of the stage and from under the bottom of the curtain. Before a man or woman could rise the whole roof of the auditorium was ablaze. Two gas tanks had exploded in the flies on the east side of the theatre, and black, choking fumes beat down in a cloud of death from every wall.

WEDDING GUEST

WM. McLAUGHLIN, NEPHEW OF MRS. GUNSAULUS, A VICTIM.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—William McLaughlin, nephew of Mrs. Frank W. Gunsaulus, who had come to Chicago to attend the wedding of Miss Martha Gunsaulus and Henry H. Scheuler, which is to take place this evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Gunsaulus, 2618 Prairie avenue, was one of the victims of the fire.

McLaughlin was taken from the theatre in a dying condition and expired at the Presbyterian hospital. He was the only son of Rev. and Mrs. McLaughlin, who moved to South America eight years ago. They have been making their home in Buenos Ayres, but their son, who was 21 years old recently returned to the United States to attend the Ohio Wesleyan college at Delaware, O. He had come to Chicago to spend the holidays with Dr. and Mrs. Gunsaulus and to be in attendance at the wedding of his cousin.

Invitations to the wedding have been recalled, and instead of the home celebration originally planned, Dr. Gunsaulus will perform the ceremony in the presence of the family.

DEAD ROBBED

RIGHT UNDER EYES OF THE POLICE.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31—Ghouls, mingling with those who were risking their lives in the cause of humanity, robbed the bodies right and left.

Two men were caught with their pockets bulging with pocketbooks, rings and other valuables. The articles were taken from them by the police and they were allowed to go.

The police themselves gathered up valuable furs, pocketbooks and many articles of value, which were taken to the station.

In neighboring stores, where the dead and injured were carried, drawers were filled with money and valuables taken from the bodies.

There was little attempt on the part of the police to keep any track of the property taken, and men were seen going along the streets robbing the bodies that were lying on the sidewalks under the very eyes of the officers.

SEVERAL BENEFITS

TO BE GIVEN FOR THE CHICAGO FIRE SUFFERERS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The news of the Chicago disaster was followed in New York by the announcement of several benefits for the fire sufferers. S. S. Shubert immediately telegraphed his manager in Chicago to devote the receipts of Wednesday's matinee to the sufferers and announced that the proceeds of Wednesday's matinee of "Winsome Winnie" now here would be devoted to the same cause. The "Red Feather" company will also give a benefit. A number of other managers are considering similar liberal acts.

Al Hayman, Marcus Klaw and Abram Erlanger, the leading members of the theatrical syndicate, who own large interests in the Iroquois theatre, sat in their offices in the New Amsterdam theatre until after midnight eagerly awaiting the telegrams from their Chicago representatives. They were horrified at and bewildered by the numerous reports. Klaw and Erlanger own "Mr. Bluebeard." Their representative said it cost $85,000 to produce it here. About 250 people were with the production on the road tour.

The present "Mr. Bluebeard" company began its tour at Pittsburg Sept. 28.

STRIKNG DRIVERS

HAVE DECLARED A TRUCE FOR TEN DAYS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Stunned by the Iroquois theatre disaster the striking livery stable drivers and their employers have each made preparations to supply carriages to meet the emergency. The union leaders declared a truce for 10 days and offered to drive without compensation in the funerals of the victims.

President Albert Young of the union called the members together and talked over the situation. They unanimously agreed to declare a truce until after the funerals of the victims.

The livery owners have arranged for the putting out of every carriage in the city. Non-union drivers have been hired by the score and a notice was sent to every union driver to report for work this morning under the old terms of employment.

CHARTERED A TRAIN.

CLINTON, Ind., Dec. 31.—W. E. Dee of Chicago, a tile manufacturer with a factory at Mecca, Ind., 10 miles from here, heard of the Chicago theatre disaster by telephone last night. The list of missing contained the names of

[illegible] at [illegible] on to [illegible] special [illegible] telegraph and was [illegible] at midnight he started [illegible]

TRAIN DERAILED

Two Engineers and Fireman Dead

ASHTABULA, Ohio, Dec. 31.—Limited train No. 22, eastbound on the Lake Shore road, was derailed here today by an open switch, resulting in the death of three of the train crew and the injury of a fourth. No passengers were injured. The train was two hours late owing to the heavy snowstorm and was being hauled by two engines.

The dead:

— McINTOSH, engineer.

— SPRING, engineer.

— SPRINGBORN, fireman.

The injured:

—Higley, fireman of Buffalo, not serious.

Another train was made up as quickly as possible and the passengers sent eastward.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

The theatregoers of the French population of this city are especially fortunate this week in having three consecutive nights with two matinees of French plays for their enjoyment at the Academy of Music. In order to cater to the French population of this city Manager Murphy at a large expense has engaged Mme. Germaine Duvernay and company of Montreal to give two of her attractions at this popular playhouse. This troupe has just finished up the foreign tour and starting with Lowell will play the French centres of New England.

Tonight and tomorrow afternoon and evening the troupe will present "La Voleuse d'Enfants," or "The Kidnapper," which is a grand spectacular drama and one which is sure to please the people. The company consists of all stars and has been playing to crowded houses every place it has appeared.

Saturday afternoon and evening the program will be changed and Mme. Duvernay and her artists will present "La Grace De Dieu," or "The Grace of God," which is a sensational drama. Vaudeville attractions will be introduced between the acts.

The seats are now on sale and the demand has been so great that those who wish to secure good seats should apply at the box office at once. While the company has been charging higher prices for seats, Manager Murphy has decided to sell seats at the regular prices.

THE CASTO THEATRE.

Mr. and Mrs. Perkins Fisher head the program at the Casto theatre this week and Ezra Kendall's quaint rural character sketch entitled "The Half-Way House" is one of the funniest and most enjoyable ever presented at this theatre. Green trading stamps are still given free at the Casto.

PERSONALS

Mrs F. N. Legare gave a whist party yesterday afternoon at her home in Broadway for the benefit of the new crib of St. Joseph's church. The winners of the first two prizes, which had been donated by Mrs. Charles H. Hol[illegible] Mrs. J. H. Bergeron, were Mr[illegible] Grondin and Mrs. Hormisdas [illegible] second prizes, which were the [illegible] Hormisdas Vallerand and [illegible] Duclarme, went to Mrs. [illegible] bert and Mrs. George Lebrun[illegible] Islas Duff and Mrs. Desire [illegible] Hebe[illegible] carried off the boobies.

Solon W. Stevens was one of the speakers at the banquet of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge of Masons at Boston, Tuesday.

Mrs. L. L. Lonto and Miss Sara Lonto spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Lonto's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leeper of Newport, Vt.

Deputy Grand President J. A. Bailey of this city will install the officers of Pacific lodge, A. F. H., of Lawrence, Jan 11.

George B. Kittredge of this city has finished the stone work at Gallupville, and has gone to North Hoosick, N. Y., to take charge of the stone work for a large bridge there.

Mr. Charles N. Taylor, dyer at the Tremont & Suffolk mills, has handed in his resignation, to take effect Jan 1. Mr. Taylor has been employed by the Tremont & Suffolk corporation for the past 12 years.

The Murray club of the First Universalist church met with the pastor, Rev. C. E. Fisher, at his residence, 76 Livingston avenue, last evening for the first meeting of the season.

TWO FRAUDS.

The merchant who would try to sell a pair of shoes without opening the box in which they came from the factory, would be regarded as a fraud and a trickster, and the newspaper which denies to the advertiser all the information he desires in reference to its circulation, must not expect the confidence of its patrons.

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Men's $3.50 Stu[illegible] Sale Price $2.48
Ladies' 50c Sto[illegible] Sale Price [illegible]
Ladies' $1.00 [illegible] Sale Price [illegible]
Ladies' $1.00 [illegible] Sale Price [illegible]
Boys' 60[illegible] Sale Price 42c
Child's [illegible] Sale Price 19c
Men's [illegible] Sale Price 42c
Women[illegible] 69c, 49c and 39c a Pair

DOU[illegible] ED, WHITE AND BLUE STAMPS [illegible] WEEK.

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[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.30	8.34
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[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.57	12.05	1.33	2.15	3.19
a7.24	8.10	e10.00	10.57	11.45	1.57	3.36	4.55
a7.31	8.50	a10.17	11.34	1.30	3.35	4.30	5.30
7.40	8.23	e11.30	12.07	3.10	4.10	6.01	7.03
8.50	9.40	12.00	12.56	3.55	5.04	6.30	7.48
9.40	10.40	e1.00	1.37	5.06	6.43	9.39	10.40
11.00	12.03	2.00	3.01	6.15	7.15	B11.15	12.15
a11.48	12.26	e3.00	3.57	7.00	8.06		
a12.14	1.00	a3.47	5.00	9.25	10.30		
1.40	2.50	4.14	5.30				
a1.58	2.39	a5.00	5.37				
a3.02	4.20	5.38	6.26				
a3.47	4.30	a5.47	6.34				
4.26	5.30	6.14	7.30				
a5.29	6.15	e7.30	8.06				
a6.44	7.00	e8.30	9.08				
e6.32	7.05	10.30	11.34				
e7.29	8.10	11.20	12.23				

SUNDAY TRAINS

a6.30	7.30	9.00	10.00
a7.24	8.10	1.00	1.57
8.45	9.49	5.00	5.58
a9.20	10.16	e7.30	8.08
a4.25	5.30	e8.30	9.08
a5.58	7.00	9.00	10.02

SUNDAY TRAINS

8.16	9.27	8.00	9.17
12.05	1.24	12.00	1.02
4.05	5.18	5.00	6.27
5.10	6.55		
8.00	9.05		

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HAD CHRISTMAS PARTY.

A Christmas tree was held at the Kirk street church yesterday afternoon for the benefit of the children of the Sunday school classes. Besides the tree there was a real, live Santa Claus impersonated by Kenneth Bruce. Supper was served to the children.

The boys' choir sang carols; there were recitations by Marie Lloyd, Margaret Thompson and Florence Richardson, and Rev. Dr. Martin read an original and very interesting Christmas story.

POLO NEWS

The Muncie Star of recent date had a fine likeness of Joseph Fox, the Lowell boy who is managing the Marion, Ind., polo team, and had the following to say of the Lowell boy:

No manager in the Western Polo league has had greater odds to contend with during the present season, or has better prospects of coming out on top in the final shuffle than Manager Joe Fox of the Marion five.

With polo an unknown and untried sport in Marion, Fox took a team there determined to educate the people to the game. He did not realize the task cut out for him until he attempted to advertise the sport. The Marion newspapers are closely allied with the theatres and an attempt was made to freeze out polo.

The attempt has been a failure, however, and the game is winning out on its merits. That this was possible is largely to the resourcefulness of [illegible] Fox.

[illegible] number of years Fox was [illegible] the old Eastern league. [illegible] till two seasons [illegible] y other, [illegible] eye as a result [illegible] rst. Abo[illegible] ball during a [illegible] has devoted [illegible] and serv- [illegible] To the pe[illegible] this [illegible] ther wa[illegible] ee of [illegible] er, the [illegible] ly a[illegible] He [illegible] al [illegible] one [illegible] the lea[illegible]

BELFI[illegible]

WAS OUTCLASSED [illegible]

[illegible] OF PHILADEL[illegible]

BOSTON, Dec. 31—Dave Ho[illegible] delphia, with his famous "loop" wallop, made his debut in Boston [illegible] Central A. C. last night, and administered a most severe drubbing to Belfield Walcott in the 12 rounds they fought.

Walcott was clearly outclassed from the first, and the surprise was that he staid the limit. At the end of the 12th round Referee Jack Sheehan awarded the decision to Holly.

In no round did Walcott have anywhere near an even break, and Holly made a most favorable impression by his aggressiveness and clever hitting.

In the open preliminary Lefallon O'Neil of the West End beat Young Harrish of the Newsboys' club quite handily in six rounds, and Harry Gilman stopped Jerry Jackson in four rounds.

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[illegible]OCIATE BLDG
[illegible] TILL 7 P. M.

[illegible]SLAUGHTER

White Entered Plea of Guilty

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—John W. White, 22 years old, of 6 Puritan avenue, Dorchester, who was indicted by the grand jury for murder in the second degree, in causing the death of James M. Gavel, was arraigned before Judge Gaskill in the superior criminal court yesterday afternoon. He waived his right of trial and entered a plea of guilty on a charge of manslaughter, which was accepted by the commonwealth. He was then sentenced to serve not more than 10 years or less than eight in state prison.

His counsel, Michael J. Creed, before sentence asked the court to be as lenient with the boy as possible as he has been very ill and probably will not live long.

Several witnesses were placed upon the stand, who testified to the good character of the defendant. When the boy's father, who is a well-known business man and who is widely respected, was placed on the stand he broke down and had to be led away. Later in the detention room there was a pathetic parting scene between the father and son.

The shooting of Gavel occurred at 28 Upton street, on the evening of Nov. 17. It is alleged that young White had been keeping company with a Mrs. Annie Lewis who lived in the house, and on the evening in question he found her in the company of Gavel. His anger was aroused, and Gavel attempted to quiet him. Then it is alleged Gavel and White went out and bought drinks. On their return to the house White again became quarrelsome and finally drew a pistol and began shooting. Gavel died from his injuries a few days later, while Mrs. Lewis recovered.

White remembered that he went to the house that night, but does not remember doing any shooting. His counsel said that he was employed as a collector and carried large sums of money, and carried a revolver as a means of protection.

MATRIMONIAL

Miss Lillie A. Hallett and Mr. Moses McKelvey were united in marriage at the home of the bride's father, Mr. John H. Hallett, 17 Lincoln street, yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock by Rev. H. C. Osborne, rector of the church of the House of Prayer. The bridal party was attended by Miss Bessie Hallett and Miss Loretta McElloon. Following the wedding ceremony the couple received the congratulations of many friends. They left on the late train for their honeymoon. On their return they will reside at the bride's home, 19 London street, and will be at home to their friends after February 1st.

WELCH—KILLPATRICK.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized last evening, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Killpatrick, 129 Hampshire street, when their daughter Miss Anna M., was united in marriage with Mr. Edward A. Welch by Rev. F. M. Pickles. The bridal couple were attended by Miss Georgia Staples and Mr. Thomas C. Cuningham. There was a large company of friends present, including guests from Lawrence, North Andover and Chelmsford.

The wedding gifts were numerous and elegant. Mr. and Mrs. Welch left the city by a late train for a brief tour and upon their return will reside at 129 Hampshire street.

COURT—HOGAN.

Mr. C. Norman Court and Miss Sadie Hogan were married last evening by Rev. J. F. Allen at his residence in Kirk street. The bride wore a beautiful gown of organdie with lace and ribbon trimmings, and she carried a bouquet of white pinks. Her attendant was Miss Annie Hogan, who wore pale blue organdie and also carried white pinks. Mr. Arthur Anderson of Milford, N. H., was best man. At the conclusion of the ceremony the bridal party were entertained at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Hogan, 61 Hanover street, where refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Court will reside on Pleasant street.

CHASE—DAWSON.

Mr. Frederick C. Chase of North Chelmsford and Miss Carrie H. Dawson of Tewksbury were united in marriage at Nashua yesterday by Rev. William T. Bolster, pastor of the Congregational church of that city. Miss Helen M. Chase was the matron of honor. After the marriage ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Chase left on a wedding tour and will be at home in North Chelmsford to their friends after Jan. 15th.

McALLISTER—HICKEY.

Mr. Joseph L. McAllister of Baltimore, Md., and Miss Mary E. Hickey of this city were united in marriage yesterday afternoon at the parochial residence of St. Patrick's church by Rev. James A. Walsh.

The bride was attended by Miss Catherine Hickey and Mr. Edward J. McCarthy was best man. A reception followed the ceremony at the residence of the bride in the Mammoth road, and later Mr. and Mrs. McAllister departed on an extended wedding trip.

CRONIN—MILLS.

Yesterday afternoon at the parochial residence of St. Patrick's parish, Mr. Edward J. Cronin and Miss Mary E. Mills were united in marriage, the marriage ceremony being performed by Rev. Fr. Walsh. Mr. Percy A. Mills acted as best man and Miss Katherine M. Donovan was bridesmaid. After the wedding a reception was held at the home of the bride and later Mr. and Mrs. Cronin left on a wedding tour. They were the recipients of many beautiful and appropriate presents.

STEVENS—FIFIELD.

Leon B. Stevens of this city and Miss Bertha M. Fifield of Manchester N. H., were united in marriage Dec. 28, by Rev. N. W. Matthews, at his residence in Ellsworth street. Irving H. Ward was best man and Miss Bessie J. Knowlton of Manchester was bridemaid.

HOLGATE—McGLENNAN.

Doctor R. Holgate and Miss Janet McGlennan, both of Lowell, were united in marriage last evening at the residence of John Holgate, 7 Simpson place, by Rev. N. W. Matthews.

STEALING TIME

YOUNG MAN WANTED FOR LARCENY OF WATCHES.

Charles A. Cross, 22, wanted in Burlington, Vt., for the alleged larceny of watches, was arrested in Tewksbury last evening by Capt. Kew and Inspector Walsh. Cross was employed on a farm in Tewksbury.

GRAY GOT BACK

Lowell Took Game From Haverhill

DRISCOLL'S TRIBE DEFEATED BY 5 POINTS

Large Crowd Saw the Contest

There is mourning in Haverhill.

Connie Driscoll and his tribe have bands of crepe around their coat sleeve and the fair ones in the city down the river are saying all kinds of good and bad things about the Lowell basketball players.

Jimmy Gray's team went down to Driscoll's town last night determined to do things to the tribe that won a game from Lowell the night before. They came away with the scalps of Bucky Lew, Jimmy Harrington, Bill Kelliher and few others dangling at their belts. The score was 20 to 15 and as the figures indicate the contest was one of exciting periods and great play. It broke the hearts of one of the largest audiences that ever saw a game in Haverhill when their pet team had to bite the dust.

One thing is certain, Haverhill is fast displacing Manchester as the great Lowell rival, and when the "colored wonder" and his white friends come to Lowell again they will be greeted by a house that will surprise them.

As Laurentius Josephus would say: The crowd was a decidedly warm and boisterous one and made it rather difficult for Referee Tierney, but the latter did not feaze the least bit. The women have the craze bad in Haverhill, so bad that they have already become bleacherites and some of these were quite prepossessing and looked chic in the dainty picture hats and vied with the rooters of the sterner sex with applause.

LOWELL.		HAVERHILL.
Allard lf	rb	Lew
Abbott rf	lb	Lynch
Cairns c	c	Doyle
Field lb	rf	Tighe
Holleran rb	lf	Harrington (Kelliher)

FIRST PERIOD.

Third foul, Lowell	1—0
Third foul, Haverhill	2—1
Third foul, Haverhill	2—1
Goal, Lowell, Field	2—2
Goal, Haverhill, Tighe	4—2
Third foul, Haverhill	4—4
Goal, Lowell, Cairns	4—6
Third foul, Lowell	5—6
Goal, Lowell, Abbott	5—8

SECOND PERIOD.

Third foul, Lowell	6—8
Third foul, Lowell	7—8
Third foul, Haverhill	7—9
Goal, Haverhill, Doyle	9—9
Goal, Lowell, Abbott	9—11
Third foul, Haverhill	9—12
Goal, Lowell, Cairns	9—14

THIRD PERIOD.

Third foul, Lowell	10—14
Goal, Lowell, Abbott	10—16
Goal, Haverhill, Dodge	12—16
Third foul, Haverhill	12—17
Third foul, Lowell	13—17
Goal, Lowell, Field	13—19
Goal, Haverhill, Tighe	15—19
Third foul, Haverhill	15—20

Score, Lowell 20, Haverhill 15. Goals by Field 2, Tighe 2, Cairns 2, Abbott 3, Doyle 2. Fouls by Holleran 4, Cairns 3, Field 6, Doyle 3, Allard 7, Lynch 4, Lew 5, Tighe 2, Abbott 3, Allard 4. Referee, James Tierney of Lowell. Timers, James Gray for Lowell, Connie Driscoll for Haverhill. Attendance, 900.

BASKETBALL NOTES.

Concord at Lowell tonight and a dance all for one admission.

Allard will get back at Kane tonight for his big score in the last game.

Turn out tonight and make it a rouser for the boys.

Prior to tonight's game in Huntington hall between Lowell and Concord the amateur contest will be called at 7.30 o'clock sharp between the leaders of that league, the Riversides and the Lowell Boys' club, No. 1. After the big league game there will be dancing—the old year, the new year in.

Dan Lynch of the Manchester basketball team received a present yesterday which bore a card attachment announcing that the girl's basketball team of the Manchester high school desired to give him some little token of appreciation for his excellent work. The bundle was of huge proportion and by the time Lynch got through unwinding several thicknesses of paper, he began to think that he had been made the victim of a joke. Starting in again Dan unwound several more papers and at length, in under a wrap of paper which would have filled a good sized job wagon, there appeared a little china lamb; the kind [illegible] at are sold by street fakirs at a [illegible]ckle apiece. A note appeared on the [illegible]ast sheet which stated that Dan's lamb like playing had prompted the purchase of the gift. He is now buying cigars for his friends.—Manchester News.

After the basketball game Friday night, a dance will be given by the management, the admission to which will be included in the price of the game. This is an experiment and, if successful, the dances will be continued throughout the season. This matter was decided upon at a meeting of the association members yesterday afternoon. As soon as possible after the game the [illegible]enge will be cleared away and the [illegible] placed in good condition for dancing.

When the [illegible] team first started in Lowell, dancing was introduced after each game. The result was, that they not only drew good houses for the games but the dancing parties after the games became very popular.—Manchester News.

Harry Edmar of the Holyoke basketball team was released by Manager Fred Winkler after last [illegible] Manager Fred Springfield. The Holyoke's game in had no particular fault to management playing of last year's squad with the but was under the necessity [illegible] field star, [illegible] expenses and strength of cut[illegible] team. Manager Winkler has [illegible] a couple of good basket throw[illegible] feels sure of giving the city a s[illegible] even though big salaries have [illegible] brought about the desired result. [illegible] been insisted right along he [illegible] the association here has been [illegible] short end of things for the [illegible] been paying and new faces [illegible] brighten up the basketba[illegible]

ment. Toby told his friends he would show his appreciation at the game last night, and anyone who attended knows how well he kept his word.

Y. P. S. C. E. SOCIAL

HELD AT IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH.

A social and entertainment was held at the Immanuel Baptist church last night under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C. E. of the church. It was known as a rubber social, two sides having been formed to see which could bring in the most rubber. The prize for the contest is a supper which the losing side has to give to the winning side. The sides were known as the reds and blues and the former won, having 235 pounds to their credit while the blues had but 165.

An entertainment was given consisting of numbers by Miss Eva Pickles, Miss Elsie Rollins, Miss Maggie Jones, Miss Martha Swanwick, Miss Ella Hayes, Miss Gertrude Estabrook, and by a male quartette, Messrs. Beaven, Williams, Thatcher and Jones. Refreshments were served by Isabel and Laura Gillespie, Etta Estabrook and Etta Wedge.

PLEASING RECITAL

GIVEN BY HENRY D. WYETH OF CAMBRIDGE.

At Middlesex hall, Pollard building, yesterday afternoon, a highly entertaining pianoforte recital was given by Mr. Henry D. Wyeth of Cambridge, assisted by Mr. A. H. Blake. The program, which was well received, follows:

Tannhauser Overture .... Wagner
Mr. Wyeth and Mr. Blake.
Sonata Pathetique, Op. 13...Beethoven
Valse, Op. 42.
Etude, Op. 25, No. 9.
Polonaise, Op. 40, No. 1.
Chopin
Valse de Concert...........Wienawski
Concertstuck .... Weber
Mr. Blake at second piano.

POLITICAL NOTES.

Thomas J. Gallagher of ward six is a candidate for secretary of the democratic city committee and not a candidate for chairman, as announced in a morning paper.

Frank E. Dunbar is mentioned as a candidate for delegate to the republican national convention. Hon. Charles H. Allen has also been mentioned, but he is said to be favorable to Mr. Dunbar.

DARK ROOM

Mrs. Webster Felt Like Shutting Herself Up

MUCH MONEY EXPENDED

Woke Up Every Morning Since Childhood With Agonizing Headaches.

Mrs. A. S. Webster, residing at 203 Moore street, Lowell, Mass., says:

"Ever since I was a child I suffered with sick headaches. My nerves were always unstrung when the terrible headaches came on and I felt like shutting myself up in a dark room and not see any of my friends I was in such a condition. The terrible headaches would come regularly in the morning when I awoke, because I inherited them. Biliousness accompanied my troubles and hundreds of dollars were expended in trying every known remedy to get rid of the agonizing headaches and nervous trouble. I was persuaded to try Dr. Bartlett's Vital Force, and after the use of four bottles I can truthfully state that my headaches trouble me no more, and I do not wake up in the morning with the terrible headaches I used to have. My biliousness has left me and my nerves are strong. I believe it is the finest medicine ever prescribed for chronic sick headaches and nervous affections, and I shall always say a kind word for the medicine that did so much for me."

(Signed)

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Your druggist is honest. If you ask for Dr. Bartlett's Vital Force he will give it to you.

PARDON REFUSED

Goodwin's Request Was Turned Down

WATSON OF LOWELL IN FAVOR OF PARDON

Fight Will Not be Given Up

The executive council at 7 o'clock last night, after having been in session practically all day, voted against the pardon of Henry K. Goodwin of Lawrence.

The vote was 2 in favor and 7 against. The division was as follows:

For pardon—Councillors McNamara of Boston and Watson of Lowell.

Against pardon—The lieutenant governor, Councilors Slade of Fall River, Maxwell of Boston, Robinson of Gloucester, Irwin of Northampton, Lowe of Fitchburg and Hoag of Chelsea.

No case in recent years has attracted so much attention and excited so great public interest as has this Goodwin pardon case. Goodwin is now serving a life sentence in the state prison for the murder, in Lawrence, of Albert D. Swan. Goodwin was an inventor. He claimed that Swan had cheated him out of some telephone patents.

GOODWIN'S COUNSEL

SAYS FIGHT WILL NOT BE GIVEN UP.

Clarence W. Rowley, counsel for Goodwin, was very much surprised when he was told last evening of the action of the governor's council.

"This is but the beginning of a long fight," he said. "I do not intend to drop the matter by any means. I am surprised and pained to think that the objections of masked men should prevail over the personal re[illegible] mayors of Lawrence and a [illegible] of our citizens, as well as [illegible] sire of the people of the [illegible]

"The decision is unjus[illegible] When the country require[illegible] in 1863 he volunteered. [illegible] through the arm and neck [illegible] er and confined in Andersonville, the worst prison known in history [illegible] human weakness to forget a [illegible] tues when he is a prisoner, ev[illegible] he has lived a life above rep[illegible] for his one act in killing in [illegible] passion the man who wronged [illegible] the general desire of the pu[illegible] Goodwin be liberated, and I kn[illegible] four persons who do not want [illegible]

Begin the new year by [illegible] account at the Five Cents [illegible] bank.

LATEST NEW[illegible]

G-E-T are the initials of Geo. [illegible] who would like to announce t[illegible] got, for you to get, the best [illegible] when you give, what you will [illegible] forget, that your gift will neve[illegible] gotten. Now let us not forget [illegible] can get, in this store, we can't [illegible] other store in Lowell. We have [illegible] branch. The ORIENTAL BAZ[illegible] Merrimack street. Please don't [illegible] number.

A Splendid Oppor[illegible]

Package perfumes and fan[illegible] of candy at or less than cost. [illegible] oz. perfumes, one in box, 19c, [illegible] Children's package, 4 bottles [illegible] 19c, was 25c. 1 oz. or two hal[illegible] box 38c, were 50c. French Vio[illegible] er 23c, was 50c. Bulb Perfum[illegible] izers at your own price; 10c [illegible] goods selling at 4 and 5 times [illegible] price. The new pump atom[illegible] duced as follows: $2 to $1.50, [illegible] 89c, $1.19 to 83c, 89c to 59c. [illegible] fancy and odd shaped boxes a[illegible] ets $1 for goods that were $1.50 [illegible] Others for 45c and 50c that [illegible] Howard, The Druggist, 197 Ce[illegible]

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Per lb., cut from tub, [illegible] Locust Valley Brand. Elg[illegible] best, and better than the be[illegible] elsewhere.

Butter 5 lb. Box 1.25
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"Eastern Quality [illegible]nd." Strictly fresh. Worth [illegible]c per dozen elsewhere.

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Per lb., 35c. Formosa, Oolong, English Breakfast or Mixed. Golden Rose Brand, fragrant but invigorating. Its equal costs $1.00 lb. elsewhere.

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Per lb. 20c; 2½ lb. pkg. 50c. Golden Rose Brand, Real Mocha and Java Coffee. The coffee everyone talks about.

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Fancy Figs............10c per lb.
Summer Beauties Peas. Per doz. $1.00; per can 9c
10 lb. bag Table Salt.......... 7c
Pearl Tapioca...........2 lbs. 8c
3-lb. can Choice Hand Packed Tomatoes. Per doz. 80c; per can, 8c
[illegible]...........3 pkgs. 10c
[illegible]s.....23c per pk.
1 lb. Jar Preserves.......... 8c
5 lb. jar Jelly.............. 19c
Ginter's Pure Condensed Milk. 9c can
Golden Rose Soups...8c per can
Soda Crackers.........6c per lb.
3 lb. pkg. Echo Oats.......... 8c
Fancy Corned Beef....8c per lb.
Fancy Fowl..17c and 18c per lb.
Fancy Chicken...17c and 18c lb.
Navel Oranges......25c per doz.
Qt. bot. American Salad Oil..19c

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Ladies' 42-inch All-Wool Panne Cheviot Coats, tailor made; val[illegible] $18.50.
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Ladies' Black and Castor Coats, value $13.50, $15.00, $16.50; only a few left.
Let 'em go $8.50

Twenty Sample Coats, no two alike, sizes 34, 36, 38; value $10.00.
Let 'em go $3.98

Misses' Coats, age 6 to 14, all marked down.
Let 'em go $2.50 to $7.50

Misses' Box Coats, age 6 to 14, made of heavy Zibeline and Kersey Cloths; value $5.00, $6.50.
Let 'em go $2.75 and $3.98

Twenty Ladies' Capes, no two alike; these are money savers; value $7.50, $10.00 and $12.50; beautifully made.
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Ladies' Extra Long Black Kersey Capes, trimmed and lined; value $17.50.
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This is real Fur weather (a word to the wise). Ladies who have not purchased yet, we are headquarters. Get our prices; hundreds of Scarfs to select from.

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$5.[illegible] SCARFS ....Let 'em go $3.98
$6.[illegible] SCARFS ....Let 'em go $4.75
$7.[illegible] FOX SCARFS ....Let 'em go $5.[illegible]
$9.[illegible] FOX SCARFS ....Let 'em go $1.49

Extra Long Scarfs and Muffs to match. Sets complete $15.0[illegible] to $50.00.

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